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## Sports Previewing the BSAL softball season [C1]

## Arts Classical and hip-hop to intersect at Oakland East Bay Symphony [C10]

## El Cerrito moves to increase road safety on Arlington Blvd.

signs, other  
ers are among  
es drawn from  
ists' wish lists

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — While every-  
ones there are problems  
ing accidents and traf-  
ic on Arlington Boulevard, a re-  
cent Council meeting proved  
agreedable solutions  
problematic.

ouncil, by a split vote,  
ed stop signs at Arlington  
ard at Moeser Lane and

Terrace Drive at its March 15  
meeting. It also unanimously  
approved several other improve-  
ments to the hillside thorough-  
fare intended to dissuade  
speeding motorists and decrease  
accidents.

However, as predicted by pub-  
lic works director Dan Clark, the  
meeting audience of Arlington  
Boulevard residents and others  
who live in the area were split  
over whether the stop signs  
should be erected as well as what  
other traffic improvements  
should be made.

After the meeting, home-  
owner Mark Choi said he was in-  
different to the stop signs but felt

something needed to be done  
about speeding and drunken driv-  
ers on Arlington, which he be-  
lieved drivers were using to avoid  
police on Friday and Saturday  
nights.

He said there were six acci-  
dents on the 900 block of Ar-  
lington Boulevard last year, in-  
cluding one on the night of Dec.  
23 in which a fire hydrant was  
hit.

Choi has since placed three  
boulders in front of his home  
weighing several thousand  
pounds each, in the hope of pre-  
venting a vehicle from barreling

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MARK DUFRENE/STAFF

MOTORISTS DRIVE through the intersection of Arlington Boulevard and Moeser Lane in El Cerrito, where new stop signs are being considered.

## Officials seek aid for school district

lawmakers ask the  
to help West  
Costa Unified  
its state loan

na Facio Contreras  
STAFF WRITER

East Bay legislators  
Arnold Schwarzeneg-  
er Tuesday to help the West  
Costa school district re-  
pay its outstanding balance  
on a loan that rescued the  
district from bankruptcy.

Meanwhile, local school ac-  
tion to march on Sacra-  
mento demand more state  
for the district and for-  
ward the 1991 loan alto-

State legislators repre-  
senting the West Contra Costa  
School District, we urge  
assist (the district) in  
ing its after-school sports,  
and music and counseling  
the four state legis-  
representing part of the  
wrote the governor.

After was signed by As-  
semblyman Loni Hancock, D-  
Pittsburg; Assemblyman Joe Can-  
essa, D-Pittsburg; and state  
Senators Don Perata, D-Oakland,  
and Don Torlakson, D-Antioch.  
WCCUSD is facing a \$16.5  
million deficit next year and has  
requested these important pro-  
grams from next year's budget. You  
personally help WCCUSD by  
writing the Department of Fi-  
nance to allow the district to re-  
pay its state loan," their let-  
ter said.

A similar appeal was sent to  
the Education Secretary  
John Rordan.

Other school districts that  
recently received state loans  
including Oakland and West  
Alameda — pay significantly lower  
interest rates than the one cur-  
rently earned by the West Con-  
tra Costa school district, the law-  
makers noted.

Financing the district's loan  
at a higher rate with other dis-  
tricts would save West Contra  
Costa between \$400,000  
and \$500,000 a year, a critical  
amount given its projected deficit  
next year, according to the

last year, Hancock sponsored  
legislation to allow the school dis-  
trict to refinance its state loan  
at the advantage of lower in-  
terest rates. Although the bill was  
not passed, the Finance De-

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## OF DOGS, CATS AND PEOPLE



BOB PEPPING/STAFF

MIM CARLSON, new executive director of the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society, cuddles Claude, the office cat. Carlson says a top priority will be expanding the number of mobile animal adoption units, including in Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington.

## Diplomacy key for Humane Society head

By Martin Snapp  
STAFF WRITER

THE BERKELEY-EAST BAY  
Humane Society has a new  
executive director, and ani-  
mal lovers are hailing the choice  
as the harbinger of a new era of  
cooperation among local animal  
welfare agencies.

Miriam "Mim" Carlson, a  
management consultant special-  
izing in nonprofit groups, took  
up the reins Jan. 19. She is the  
author of "The Executive Direc-  
tor's Survival Guide" and "Writ-

ing Grants Step By Step" — skills  
that will be put to ample use  
running the cash-strapped agency.

"But that's not why we hired  
her," said veterinarian Alan Shiro,  
chairman of the Humane Society's  
board of directors. "We chose her  
because she has a real talent for  
reaching out to others, and that's  
our number one priority. In the  
past, animal welfare groups have  
competed with each other; and  
that hasn't done anyone any good,  
least of all the animals."

Carlson has quickly estab-  
lished a firm working relation-  
ship with her counterpart at the  
Berkeley Animal Shelter, Animal  
Control Director Kate O'Connor.

"They're already doing  
spay/neuter surgeries on our  
dogs and cats in their animal  
hospital," said O'Connor. "And  
that's just the beginning. Work-  
ing with Mim is going to be a real  
pleasure."

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## Cities play ball to create new sport fields

■ Albany is advancing  
preliminary funds for the  
project, which involves  
participation by five cities

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The City Council  
has agreed to advance up to  
\$100,000 for costs associated  
with state environmental law re-  
quirements needed to be fulfilled  
to build ball fields south of  
Gilman Street in Berkeley, with  
the condition that at least half, if  
not all of the money will be paid  
back.

The money is coming from  
Measure R, a city bond measure  
passed in 1996 which has a bal-  
ance of more than \$4.5 million  
that can be used for open space,  
play fields or creek restorations.

The \$100,000 will be used by  
Berkeley officials to begin work  
associated with California Envi-  
ronmental Quality Act (CEQA)  
requirements for 16 acres of land  
as part of an effort led by Albany

and Berkeley and involving three  
other cities to build ball fields  
there. As part of the allocation,  
Berkeley will be expected to re-  
pay Albany the \$100,000, unless  
the millions of dollars in state  
grant money being sought for the  
project does not come through.

In that case, Berkeley would  
pay back only \$50,000.

"We're advancing funds but  
we expect to be reimbursed,"  
said City Administrator Beth Pol-  
lard.

Five cities, including El Cer-  
rito, Richmond and Emeryville  
formed a Joint Powers Authority  
in December to develop, operate  
and maintain sports fields, with  
efforts now focused on the 16  
acres south of Gilman Street at  
West Frontage Road, in the  
northwest corner of Berkeley.

That's where the East Bay Re-  
gional Park District purchased  
16 acres of land from Magna En-  
tertainment Corp., the owner of  
Golden Gate Fields, to develop  
ball fields.

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## Cameras will be installed at all Albany school sites

■ The district hopes  
surveillance will curtail  
vandalism and theft

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The school dis-  
trict board has approved the use  
of surveillance cameras at the  
city's public high and middle  
schools, with the intent of crack-  
ing down on theft, chronic van-  
dalism and false fire alarms.

Amid opposition from a hand-  
ful of residents, the Albany board  
voted 4-0 to allow the surveil-  
lance cameras, which will be  
phased in at all the schools in the  
district over the next three years.  
The cameras will be placed in  
hallways and outdoor areas.

"Surveillance cameras shall  
not be used in an area where  
there is a reasonable expectation  
of privacy," according to the re-  
solution passed by the board at its  
March 9 meeting. "Cameras will  
not be located in classrooms, of-

fices, locker rooms, restrooms or  
teacher lounges."

The surveillance camera idea  
was raised by school district Su-  
perintendent Willie Wong and Al-  
bany High School principal Ron  
Rosenbaum, both of whom have  
worked in school districts where  
surveillance cameras cut down on  
vandalism, Wong said. Albany  
High School in particular has  
been plagued by vandalism and  
chronic false fire alarms, set off  
up to two or three times a week.

The elementary schools have  
been subject to thefts, and empty  
liquor bottles have been found  
on the roof of Ocean View Ele-  
mentary School. Young trees  
were cut down last year at Al-  
bany High School on the eve of  
the graduation.

"All of the schools have issues,  
most of them very similar," Wong  
said. "All of them have some de-  
gree of graffiti. The high school  
and middle school have the

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## New Chamber of Commerce board named

Alan Cain, owner of Albany Video, has been elected to the board of directors. "We are thrilled to have him on our board," wrote Chamber Executive Director James Carter in an e-mail message. "Over the years, Alan has made many outstanding contributions to our community, both as a businessman and as the former president of the Solano Avenue Association."

Other Chamber officers are: Sherman Lim, president; Jim Landes of Fonda, first vice president; Shirley Fudge-Mueller, of Pacific Gas & Electric, second vice president; and Elisabeth Bell, treasurer. Board members are Ray Anderson, (R.H. Anderson, Co.), Wayne Black (Wayne Black Investments), Alan Cain (Albany Video Repair), Mary D'Elia (Albany YMCA), Steve Kahn (Steve's Auto Repair), Dana Milner (Dana Milner, Contractor), Denise Pinkston (TMG Partners), Roseanne Pontes (Waste Management), Yolanda Stenmark (The Mechanic's Bank), Peter Tung (Payless Computers), Thep Naaree Thai Restaurant, Winnie Yu (Celadon Fine Teas) and James Carter (executive director).

## Golf classic to benefit Albany High baseball

The Cougar Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 12:30 p.m. at Tilden Park Golf Course. The Albany High School Baseball Boosters group is the sponsor of the second annual event, a fundraiser to benefit the school's baseball program.

The tournament will feature a shotgun start and foursomes will play best ball. Golfers of various levels are welcome. The cost is \$135 per golfer. Price includes green fees, cart, prizes and dinner.

For information, call 510-525-2608, or e-mail Golf4AHSBaseball@aol.com. Checks payable to the AHS Baseball Boosters should be sent to: Cougar Golf Classic C/O P.O. Box 6007, Albany, CA 94706.

## Musical comedy slated for March 20

Healing Muses will present "La Folia!" — described by the show's organizers as a raucous spectacle of early music comedy and hysterically informed performances — at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20 and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church parish hall.

The musical event will feature "The Bad Girls of Early Music," Susan Rode Morris, soprano and more; Shira Kammien, violins and even more; and Phebe Craig and Katherine Westine, harpsichords and even still more.

Proceeds will benefit Healing Muses' hospital music program. The church hall, which is not wheelchair accessible, is located at 1501 Washington St. Tickets are \$15 and \$18. Reservations are recommended. Call 510-524-5661.

## El Cerrito

## Swim center grand opening set for April 3

Though it quietly opened in January, the newly remodeled El Cerrito Swim Center will be celebrated with a grand opening party on Saturday, April 3.

There will be free swimming from noon to 4 p.m. as the center is transformed into a bit of Hawaii with a luau, as well as games, prizes, food and entertainment. For details on the pool or the celebration call Samantha Kelman at 510-559-7008.

## Meetings slated on school reconstruction

The West Contra Costa school district will hold a series of neighborhood meetings to discuss upcoming reconstruction of nine elementary schools, funded with Measure B money. Discussions will concern the installation of portable classrooms, and impacts on the neighborhood, parents and school staff.

The schedule for El Cerrito schools is:

■ Portola Middle School, 1021 Navellier St., El Cerrito, on Monday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will discuss the proposed relocation of Kensington Elementary School to the Portola campus.

■ Kensington Elementary, 90 Highland Blvd., Kensington, on Monday, March 29, at 7 p.m. This meeting also will discuss the relocation of the school and related issues.

■ Mira Vista Elementary, 6397 Hazel Ave., El Cerrito, on Tuesday, March 30, at 7 p.m. The meeting will discuss traffic impacts and other neighborhood issues.

## Self-portraits on display at framing shop

Adams Middle High School students are exhibiting self portraits through March 31 at The Glenn Custom Framing.

Under the direction of art instructor Steve Mainini, the students' first assignment in the fall was to draw a portrait of themselves with a neutral expression. "I always use this assignment as a self confidence builder," Mainini said.

The Glenn is at 7027 Stockton Ave. It is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays. For information on Saturday hours at the store, call Kathleen Glenn at 510-558-1078.

## Volunteer Info-Fair scheduled for April 17

A Volunteer Info-Fair will be held April 17, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. in conjunction with El Cerrito's Volunteer Month at El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Ave. (near Richmond Street), El Cerrito. There will be games, booths and activities. The goal is to assist interested organizations to find volunteers they need, and to help match opportunity seekers with their dream opportunity. Among participating agencies are:

Alta Bates LIFESPAN, Bay Area Alternative Press, CCC Library, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Community Violence Solutions, Contra Costa Civic Theater, Contra Costa Crisis Center, Diablo Valley AIDS Center, El Cerrito Senior Center, Elder Abuse Prevention, First 5 of Contra Costa County, Food Pantry, Friends of Baxter Creek, GRIP, Habitat for Humanity, HICAP LITA, Meals on Wheels, Ombudsman, Parish Nursing (Health Ministry), Read Aloud (will show a video), Salesian Boys & Girls Club, Smiley Dog Rescue, STAND, VNA Hospice, West County Regional Group for Kids, West County Reads, Women's Cancer Resource Center.

## West County

## Sign-ups scheduled for youth soccer

Fall 2004 soccer registration for the West Contra Costa Youth Soccer League continues March 28 and April 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria at De Anza High School, 5000 Valley View Road in El Sobrante. All children from ages 4 to 18 are welcome to sign up. The fee is \$80 for ages 4 and 5, and \$100 for ages 6 and up. Sibling discounts are available. Bring a copy of the birth certificate and a small wallet size photo of the player. For details, visit [www.wccysl.com](http://www.wccysl.com) or call the league hotline, 510-869-5288.

— Staff report

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## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## Monday, March 8

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — A resident reported her son's bike was stolen during school hours while it was in the bike rack at Ocean View School on the 1000 block of Jackson Street. There were no witnesses.

## Tuesday, March 9

■ **HONDA LOCATED** — Officers located a blue '91 Honda on the 500 block of Pomona Avenue that had been reported as stolen out of Richmond. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner was notified.

## Thursday, March 11

■ **PURSE THIEVES** — About 10:30 a.m., officers responded to a restaurant on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue on reports of two subjects described as females in their 20s who had stolen a purse. They had evidently ordered food, waited for a few minutes then grabbed a purse and ran out. They were last seen heading north on Ramona Avenue in a silver '00 Volkswagen and were gone when officers arrived.

■ **MORE THIEVES** — About 7:30 p.m., officers responded to a video store on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a tall white or Hispanic man who had just attempted to

steal money from the till. He was described as wearing a black jacket, white T-shirt and blue jeans. He was with a white woman wearing dark clothing. They were last seen traveling north on San Pablo Avenue and were gone when officers arrived.

## Friday, March 12

■ **TIRES STOLEN** — A resident at 535 Pierce St. reported that during the night thieves, stole all four tires and rims of his blue '04 Nissan 350Z while it was parked in the garage. There were no witnesses.

■ **JUVENILE PROBATION** — About 9 p.m., officers responded to the snack bar area at Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard on reports of a group of students who were smoking marijuana and drinking. Officers picked up a 16-year-old Albany boy for a probation violation and transported him to Juvenile Hall.

## Saturday, March 13

■ **DUI** — About 1 a.m., officers, stopped a vehicle near San Pablo Avenue and Gilman Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 23-year-old Danville man, for DUI. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **WARRANTS** — About 5 p.m., officers stopped an '85 Ford near San

Pablo Avenue and Garfield Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 39-year-old El Cerrito man, was found to have six outstanding Alameda County warrants for traffic violations and failure to appear. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear. Because the passenger in the vehicle had a suspended driver's license, it was released to a friend to keep it from being towed.

## Sunday, March 14

■ **BICYCLIST** — About 2 a.m., officers, stopped a bicyclist near Jacuzzi and Central avenues for riding without a light. The rider, a 34-year-old Richmond man, was found to have an outstanding Oakland warrant in the amount of \$1,500. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **NO BAIL WARRANT** — About 4 a.m., officers responded to reports from a security guard at 535 Pierce St. of a man in a black '98 Lexus acting suspiciously. Officers contacted the 26-year-old Albany man and a check found he had a warrant for assault in the amount of \$15,000 and a no bail warrant for carrying a concealed gun. He was arrested, cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **PICKUP STOLEN** — During the night, thieves stole a white '86 Nissan pickup parked on the 1000 block of Neilson Street.

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## Thursday, March 4

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Vandals struck a vehicle in the parking lot of a business in the 11000 block of San Pablo Avenue between March 3 and 4, cutting a convertible top to gain entry.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1991 Honda Civic was stolen from a residence from the 2500 block of Carquinez between March 3 and 4.

## Sunday, March 7

■ **BURGLARY** — Someone threw a brick through the glass front door of a business in the 10000 block of a

San Pablo Avenue clothing store early in the morning, stole \$2,200 worth of clothing and then fled.

## Tuesday, March 9

■ **VEHICLE THEFT ARREST** — A 41-year-old man was arrested for possession of a 1983 Ford Econoline van reported stolen in Richmond, at San Pablo and Panama avenues. The vehicle's owner was deceased, police say; it was released to the executor of the estate.

## Wednesday, March 10

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Someone

stole a 1985 Cadillac Coup Deville from the 10000 block of San Pablo between March 9 and 10; it was recovered in Richmond.

■ **WARRANT, DUI** — Police arrested a driver, a 24-year-old Richmond man, for being under the influence of a controlled substance, and his passenger, a 23-year-old El Cerrito man, for a warrant for auto theft. The passenger was taken to the Martinez jail.

## Tuesday, March 16

■ **BURGLARY** — Officers acting on a tip went to a business in the 10000 block of San Pablo Avenue and found two men near the business' back door, where a steel security plate had

just been removed. They arrested the two men, 18 and 19, for attempted burglary. They were released after questioning. The 18-year-old was taken to the Martinez jail.

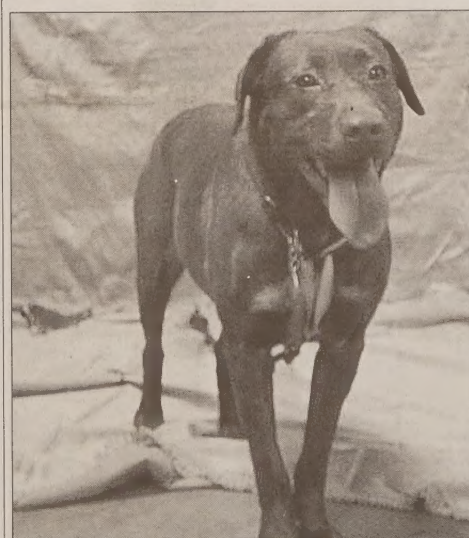
## Monday, March 15

■ **DRUNK IN PUBLIC** — About 11 a.m., officers responded to a block of Solano Avenue on reports from a crossing guard that a man walking on Adams Street had been intoxicated. Officers arrested the San Francisco woman, who was intoxicated and in need of care for herself. She was being drunk in public and released when sober.

## Weekly Summary

During the week of March 15, officers towed seven vehicles to 16 false alarms, arrested two animals, responded to reports of barking dogs and one person who was drunk in public. In the domestic violence category, officers responded to eight calls and 145 civil assaults. Officers responded to 116 vehicles or persons in traffic citations and 64 warrants. Officers responded to 116 vehicles or persons in traffic citations and 64 warrants. Officers responded to 116 vehicles or persons in traffic citations and 64 warrants.

## PET OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

ANGELIQUE is a chocolate retriever mix, 2 or 3 years old, in good health with no known problems. She really loves people, the Humane Society says, though children seem to frighten her. She plays well with other dogs "with a slow introduction" and may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society:

Dogs: Female border collie, 3 years; male beagle, 1 year; male Australian shepherd-pit bull mix, 1-2 years; female shar-pei mix, 2 years; male Brittany spaniel, 6 years; male Jack Russell terrier, 5 years; male Labrador-rottweiler mix, 1 year.

Cats: Female calico, 6 years; female calico, 2 years; female black, 4 months; male tortoiseshell (very shy), 3½ years; female black-and-white, 7 years; female black, 3½ years; female black, 3 years; male black, 9 months; female tortoiseshell, 9 months; male gray-and-white, 2 years; female calico, 6 years; female calico, 3 years; male brown tabby-and-white, 3 years; female tortoiseshell, 3 years; male gray tabby, 6 years.

There is an overnight hold period to allow the potential adopter time to get the home ready with food, crates, litter

boxes, toys and what's needed. The adoption fee for cats and \$125 for dogs includes spaying or neutering and all age-appropriate vaccines.

The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 32700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Monday. For more information, visit <http://www.berkeleyhumane.org> or call 510-845-7733.

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# Neighbors

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**SCOTTISH FIDDLER** Alasdair Fraser plays during a music workshop at the Veterans Memorial Building in Albany on Saturday. Fraser and pianist Muriel Johnstone helped a group of musicians polish their skills in playing for Scottish country dancing, which requires exacting performance by dancers and musicians alike. The workshop was followed that evening by a party at which the dancers played for the dancers.

Adams, a senior at El Cerrito High School, is one of five young people chosen for the Contra Costa County Hall of Fame, the County Youth Commission has announced. Adams, 18, was chosen as representing youths who use their literary or artistic talent in the school or community. She has been playing the violin since age 5 and plays for different groups and bands. She teaches children, as well as 2 or 3, to play the violin. She was chosen for the Youth Hall of Fame. She is a senior at El Cerrito High School.

School in Antioch; Brittney Ross, 17, a senior at Pinole Valley High School; Caitlin Schwass, 17, a junior at College Park High School in Pleasant Hill and William Schallach, 18, a senior at College Park High School in Pleasant Hill. Dino Battaglini, vice principal at Antioch High School, was honored as an adult advocate.

The Youth Hall of Fame was established in 1998 as a way to recognize the sometimes overlooked commitment and service of local youth to their peers, their schools and their communities. This year's honorees represent the many and valuable contributions made by young people, as well as the adults who work with

youth, in our county. Honorees will be added to a perpetual plaque kept in the lobby of the Board of Supervisors' Chambers.

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Army Reserve Pfc. **Tony T. Chan**, a 2003 graduate of Albany High School, has graduated from the automated logistical specialist advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

Chan was trained to establish and maintain stock records and other documents such as inventory, material control, accounting and support reports, automated and manual accounting records; review and verify bills of lading, contracts, and purchase orders;

repair and construct shipping crates for equipment and supplies; and perform prescribed loads and shop stock lists in manual and automated supply applications.

He is the son of Anna and Ming Chan, both of Albany.

Please send items for the Faces & Places column to: Neighbors, The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Dr., Richmond, CA 94806. Or e-mail to [journal@ccetimes.com](mailto:journal@ccetimes.com). We welcome photos — both hard copy and e-mailed — and items about the doings and achievements of residents in the El Cerrito, Albany, Kensington and Richmond Annex areas.

## Patrons want to keep friend's memory alive

FOR THE LAST couple of years I've been writing about the patrons of the Mel-O-Dee Lounge at El Cerrito Plaza, especially about the kindness they showed one of their own, Red Holskil.

Red was a retired school custodian who lost both legs to amputation because of chronic circulatory problems. It was hard for him to get up and down the hill from his home to the Plaza in his old-fashioned, hand-driven wheelchair, especially in the rain.

One day, they all passed the hat behind his back and bought him a new, high-tech, motorized wheelchair.

"People think we did it because we felt sorry for him, but it's not true," says Rich Smith of El Cerrito. "We did it because we admired him. He never complained, ever. The only time he referred to his handicap was to make fun of it."

The new chair made all the difference. Now he could go anywhere he wanted, any time he wanted. Best of all, he could take his beloved dog, Tiny, for walks again — something he hadn't been able to do for years.

Unfortunately, he was able to enjoy it for only a little over a year. Last month, it was my sad duty to report that Red had died.

Many readers wrote to express their sorrow, and several asked, "What happened to Tiny?"

Not to worry. She's already been placed in a loving new home. But finding a good home for Red's wheelchair is another matter.

"We could have sold it and recouped some of the money we laid out," says Kenny De Martini, owner of the Mel-O-Dee. "But we all talked it over, and we decided we'd much rather give it to someone who could really use it. We're hoping your readers can help us find that person."

Great idea. If you know a likely candidate, drop Kenny and the gang a note at the Mel-O-Dee Lounge, 240 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

"We only have one wheelchair, and we'll probably get more than one letter," says Kenny. "So we've decided to pick the person we think Red would have wanted to have it."

Speaking of letters, several readers have asked if I remem-



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

ber much about Kerry or Bush at Yale, since we were all there at the same time. (Kerry was the year ahead of me, Bush was the year behind.) Answer: Kerry, yes. Bush, no.

Everybody remembers John Kerry — or, as he styled himself in those days, John F. Kerry. Even then, he had the presidential bug. He used to sit around drawing up fantasy lists of cabinet members he planned to appoint when he reached the White House.

As for Bush, I've polled a lot of my classmates, and nobody can remember him. He spent most of his time partying in the Deke house; and if you weren't in that frat, your chances of meeting him were pretty slim.

But guess who was the Big Man On Campus, the one everyone looked up to and thought was really cool? Joe Lieberman.

P.S. Bush and Kerry have one thing in common, and it transcends all their political differences: They both were — are — members of Skull & Bones, the oldest, richest, snootiest, and most secretive of all the secret societies at Yale.

It's so secretive, in fact, that if you say the words "Skull and Bones" in a Bonesman's presence (there are no Boneswomen), he must immediately leave the room.

I don't know about you, but when the two of them get together for that first debate, I'll be wishin' and hopin' and prayin' that somebody has the guts to ask one of them a question about Skull & Bones.

Then all America will be treated to the spectacle of both major candidates for the highest office in the land simultaneously walking out of the studio.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or email [msnapp@cc-times.com](mailto:msnapp@cc-times.com)

## Feeding lunch for talented musicians a true pleasure

AS A love fest. Every time the members of the San Francisco Symphony leagues the musicians to a luncheon in appreciation of the music they make and they give to all of us. This year's luncheon, held on March 9, was in the room of Davies. Nancy Nielson of Kensington represented the East Bay League 1, of which she is president. (This league covers West Contra Costa and County down through Richmond.) The room was set up and decorated for the onslaught of hungry musicians eager and the one hour they have for rehearsals eating what was a delicious meal, and they all loved and admiringly receive from all of us. Last time I took part in the league were doing it, preparing and serving that time one pasta was given to each of us, there were enough for six to eight people. We all worked the same recipe, but it was how different each dish was, though, according to the league.



CLARA-RAE GENSER  
Community Folk

given decorated bags so that they could take their desserts with them, the loaded platters were practically empty by the time they were gone.

As they came in and gathered around the buffet table, they told us how much this meant to them, and how much they appreciated it. Of course, our reply was always how much we appreciated them. And it was good to see them in their informal working clothes, rather than the black formal clothing they wear in concerts. These very talented people became just people for an hour.

During the few minutes given over to speeches, and after our chairman welcomed them and told them how much we enjoyed this, and their spokesperson responded in kind, Michael Tilson Thomas added his thanks. One remark delighted us. He said he had been with many orchestras, all over the world, and usually, when the auxiliaries invited them to lunch or to dinner they ran the other way.

"We run, too," he said. "Right to you and to the delicious food

and the love you offer us."

MTT is a great conductor, and can be a hard taskmaster. While we were making preparations, the sounds of the rehearsal were piped in to us. At one point I heard MTT ask one musician to "repeat those four notes for me." And then again, and again, and again. The musician had played the notes correctly, and in time.

It was only after they were played several times that I realized what the conductor wanted. The tone became broad and assertive, and I realized that those four notes were going to lead the orchestra into the next phrase. As that happened the orchestra swept smoothly into the melody.

I had time for only very short chats with some of the musicians. One was a young oboist who raved about the people in her section. It is their appreciation for each other and for their leader that makes them such a cohesive whole.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is [crgenser@aol.com](mailto:crgenser@aol.com).

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should  
have a government without newspapers, or newspapers  
without a government, I should not hesitate a moment  
to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

## Let the music play

**B**EFORE A crowd of parents and other supporters who filled the main floor of the Richmond Auditorium, plus many of the balcony seats, the best young musicians of the West Contra Costa school district put on a performance Tuesday, March 16, that showed more clearly than any written or spoken argument, the benefits of music education in the schools.

It was the All District Music Festival, and as the program progressed, it was evident how the young performers' skill and confidence increase through years of musical study.

The audience listened appreciatively to honor choirs, bands and orchestras from elementary, middle and high schools.

The students were from schools all over the district, but came together as amazingly cohesive musical units.

The guest master of ceremonies was Robert Calonic, UC Berkeley's director of bands.

The program included classical favorites like an excerpt of "The Planets," and many less-familiar pieces for musicians and choral groups.

The students in the bands were well-behaved and attentive — any curmudgeon who says they don't much care for children should have been there to see them in their concert white-and-black outfits, playing everything from clarinets to bass drums, from violins to tubas to oboes.

A couple of yahoos in the crowd who insisted on yelling encouragement to those onstage could have learned a lesson in proper audience behavior from the young performers.

As one dad commented later, they acted more like they thought it was a sporting event. While their enthusiasm was admirable, it was clear that sometimes the audience needs education as well.

There are some who might say that music should be among the last, not the first, subjects and activities to be cut from the curriculum when budgetary times are tough.

Music is not just for the prodigies or those who plan to make a career of it.

Learning music, as any parent of a band student can attest, brings many kinds of development into play: There's hand-eye coordination, math (all those time signatures and whole, half, quarter, eighth and sixteenth notes), good study skills, leadership and teamwork, to name just a few benefits.

Studying an instrument may be a boy or girl's first experience with the progress one can make by patiently practicing something daily, with each achievement building on the one before.

Students who really become interested in music find themselves learning world history, as they delve into musical forms of the past and find out about the great composers from around the globe.

If they stick with it, they will have a skill that others will envy and that they often can enjoy well into old age. Music can become a link and a form of communication across ages, genders, races and classes.

But in a way, that's to overlook the simple heart of it: the pure joy of music to those who play, and to those who listen. Bravo, kids.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Minority rules?

Congratulations to the selfish minority who thwarted the will of the majority who voted for passage of Measure J.

Without this parcel tax in these lean budget times, the West Contra Costa Unified school district is closing libraries and discontinuing music and athletic programs. Classroom size reductions may be next.

We'd better pray that one of these kids being denied a proper education — the next generation of citizens in our community — doesn't grow up to be the thug on the street who mugs you or the unprepared health care worker who's entrusted with your life during a medical emergency.

My daughter is a first-grader at Madera Elementary School. She looks forward to going to the school library each week. Now that she's reading, a whole new world has opened up to her.

What right does this minority have to close this chapter on her and all the children who will benefit from learning the love of reading?

Our system is broken when a small minority can exercise veto power over the public good. This is democracy.

Craig Noble  
El Cerrito

## Don't rewrite dictionary

The following definitions are from Webster's Dictionary:

**Marriage** is the mutual relation of a husband and wife; the institution whereby men and women are joined in a special kind of social and legal dependence for the purpose of founding and maintaining a family.

It describes a husband as a married man and a wife as a married woman. A spouse is a betrothed man, groom or a betrothed woman, bride.

The definition of each of the above specifically includes the word "man" or "woman." Therefore, two people of the same sex do not fall within the parameters of "marriage."

The solution to this problem seems so simple! Create a new category. Call it a civil union, a domestic partnership, or another choice of name. That category should have the same perks that marriage has — partners being covered by health plans, Social Security benefits, etc.

The establishing of the new category should satisfy both sides ... a win-win situation.

Some people try to drag in "the separation of church and state." There is nothing in the definition of marriage that mentions church or religion. Many couples choose to have a religious ceremony. Many do not.

Some are married in homes, in gardens, by the Justice of the Peace, at drive-through windows in Nevada, standing at home-plate, on the 50-yard line, even skydivers jumping out of planes. The couples are the ones who choose the site.

Please start working toward a legal solution without rewriting the dictionary.

Laura H. Kramer  
El Cerrito

## Bad location for library

Our City Council members seem to be very ready to accept the minority pressure as the majorities' approval.

Why did they agree to spend taxpayers' dollars for reconstruction of the

Quonset hut theater when the money could have been spent on the upkeep of the new swimming pool and/or starting the new library? The so-called art deco — mirror, etc. — from the theater could be placed in any public building such as the City Hall or library.

Speaking of the library, it is speculated the "city fathers" will again make a hasty decision to approve the developer's plan to build a multi-use structure at 6420 Fairmount Ave., the building that once housed telephone company offices and later offices for Mountain Bike.

This isn't a very big lot for what we've heard is planned: a three-story structure with apartments and shops and part of the area for the new public library.

A library should be a building by itself or incorporated into the City Hall area so that it's visible, centrally located and with ample parking. With this plan, apartment visitors, shoppers and library users will be vying for the same parking spaces. So far, the library has been allocated 11 parking spaces.

Have the "approvers" of this development been to our library recently? At some hours you can't find parking. Agreed, the lot is shared with the senior center and the school, but I'm referring to after hours.

A library should be visible and easily accessible, have plenty of natural light and air, have places for study areas, computer rooms and conference rooms, and a children's library with room for programs. I don't believe the developers have room for all of this. It appears the "city fathers" don't appreciate the value of a good library to a community.

Let's not allow this development to happen at that Fairmount site.

Note also that the library won't produce tax revenue. Therefore, it would be better to use the entire Fairmount property for commercial use.

I suggest we rebuild the library where it is now or incorporate it in the central part of the city near the "new" City Hall.

Carol Elmsted  
El Cerrito

## Taxes must go up

How can people ask for cutting government spending? Look around — everywhere, you see necessary services underfunded.

California is 44th in per-pupil spending, among the last 10 in social and health spending per capita, our child poverty rate is higher than Russia's, we are cutting fire and police services, and infrastructure is falling apart.

Taxes need to go up, not down.

For example, the Vehicle License Fee is part of a legislated mandate for funding community and social services on the county level. If the VLF had been main-

tained, instead of cut back in the 1990s, the resulting additional money would have covered the so-called debt. (And don't even get me started on the public budget blackmail that forced a cutback in the first place.)

A Californian earning \$40,000 is in the same tax bracket as one making \$4 million, minus 9 percent. Minimally, a tax to the former governors Deukmejian and Wilson 11 percent highest rate is needed.

I, for one, would gladly pay 50 percent more taxes if we moved the whole society — including corporations — to a progressive tax structure and a popular social one.

Stephen V...

## No free lunch

The cuts made by the West Contra Costa school board makes me sad.

Today we are reaping what we sowed at the election on March 2. We think we are entitled to many benefits, programs and services and that we don't have to pay for them.

When will we learn there is no free lunch?

Ruth G...

El Cerrito

## Not a good plan

The proposal to include a new library location, at the extreme end of the crowded Fairmount Avenue is not a good plan. There is heavy traffic at times during library hours, making it not only difficult, but unsafe, to have adequate parking means most users would be forced to use El Cerrito Plaza parking and walk over to the library.

There are only disadvantages to a location. There is heavy traffic at times during library hours, making it not only difficult, but unsafe, to have adequate parking means most users would be forced to use El Cerrito Plaza parking and walk over to the library.

The mezzanine location makes it difficult for senior, disabled, children and mothers with infants.

This location, at the extreme end of the crowded Fairmount Avenue is not a good plan. There is heavy traffic at times during library hours, making it not only difficult, but unsafe, to have adequate parking means most users would be forced to use El Cerrito Plaza parking and walk over to the library.

El Cerrito needs a centrally located library equally accessible to all its citizens and user-friendly to families, students and seniors. El Cerrito needs a new library as part of a carefully planned new city center.

El Cerrito deserves better than the opportunistic approach to a new library. Time is getting short for El Cerrito residents to let their City Council and Planning Commission know their position on this decision before the decision is made for them.

Marian M...

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# Libraries hold lots more than books

of the week:  
that is why I do not like  
books, because there has  
been an era when so many  
were going so right for so  
the wrong persons."  
Nash, 1902-1971



**JULIE WINKELSTEIN**  
At the Library

IN THE last month  
have been asked by a li-  
brary user to proctor an  
book exam, and I have  
happy to oblige. But it  
think about the un-  
things a library may do  
of. The Reading Edge  
example: a machine  
like a small copy ma-  
that reads books

else? Well, at our li-  
brary, on the shelf be-  
children's reference  
there is a basket of  
and colored pens —  
entertainment for small  
There is also a chess-  
not a full set anymore  
asionally spot a pawn  
table or shelf.  
also have study rooms,  
books and electrical out-  
people can quietly

study or use their laptops, and we provide word processors and a typewriter. Our glass display case is a great place for someone with a passion for something — like the small cars and trucks now displayed — to share their interest with other library users. We have a bag bin, with a sign above it that says "Take a bag, bring a bag," and you can pick up a voter registration card or tax forms while you're here.

At the reference desk, both drawers have items we lend or distribute daily. In one, there is a magnifying glass for those people who suddenly find they need one. Near the drawer, there is a shelf with scratch paper and good paper and, sometimes (if someone has donated some or left some) the ever-popular lined paper. The other

drawer holds scissors, tape, Whiteout, colored pens and pencils, a ruler, a calculator, a stapler, Post-its and even a staple remover.

But we don't have pets or artwork to check out, which are two requests mentioned by one of the children's librarians at the Fremont Library. I had asked her what supplies they have and if there was anything unusual she has ever been asked for.

"We have games, like Scrabble and chess," she told me, "and art supplies." Then she told me about the pets. "I've heard there are places you can check out pets," she said, "but not the Fremont Library."

This, of course, started me wondering. Are there places you can go that will let you borrow a pet? And what kind of pets would they be? I did some extensive Google searching and finally came up with the Sulphur Creek Nature Center, which is part of the Hayward Area Recreation Department.

I called and talked to Wendy Winsted, who was friendly and helpful. Yes, she said, they do

lend pets, on Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 to 3. It's \$8 a week and that includes a cage, water and food bowls and a care sheet — as well as the pet, which can be a guinea pig, rat (tricolor, brown or white), hamster or mouse. Each rental is only for a week at a time, and then the pet gets a week off. And, incidentally, so do the parents — I still remember my surprise when I learned, through direct experience, that hamsters are nocturnal.

**READER REVIEW:** This week's book review is from Claire and the book is "Franklin and Winston" by Jon Meacham. Claire says this book is about "the friendship and politics of Churchill and Roosevelt during World War II." One word she would use to describe it is "informative" and she recommends it because "their friendship and regard for each other shaped policy."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org) or at the Albany Library.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

arians at the Alameda Library have created the "Storytimes To Go" kits to help children become ready for school. Each kit contains books, a puppet, a video and an instructional book. Kits include: ABC's and Dinosaurs, Health and many others.

ents and daycare providers at Alameda County Library may borrow any of these "Storytimes To Go" kits by phone: 415-745-1498, or by visiting the Alameda County Library asking for the "Storytimes To Go" kit with the theme you like. They are available to borrow for a three-week

list of the themes can be found online at [www.acclibrary.org](http://www.acclibrary.org)

brary.org. Search under "Title" for "Storytimes To Go" in the catalogue. Kits may be reserved for checkout online or at your local library.

The "Storytimes To Go" kits have been funded by Every Child Counts and the Alameda County Library Foundation with the TRIO Foundation.

Volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons are offering free tax help for taxpayers with middle and low incomes, with special attention to those 60 years and older, at the Albany Library on Thursdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. through April. Make appointments at the Library's Reference Desk.

The Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library,

is located at 1247 Marin Ave. Information: 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

The El Cerrito Library will host a special program for children ages 3 and up for National Library Week: The Three Penny Players will tell and act out funny and exciting children's stories on Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m.

Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The club will discuss "Bel Canto," by Ann Patchett, on March 23. Next up: "Peace Like a River," by Leif Enger (April 27); "Big Stone Gap," by Adriana Trigiani (May 25). Copies of the current selection are available at the Check-out Desk.

The El Cerrito Library, a branch of the Contra Costa

County Library, is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

Children up to age 12 can play "How Many Eggs in the Spring Basket?" at the Kensington Library. The child with the closest guess wins the basket of candy eggs. Guesses will be accepted from Monday April 5 through Saturday April 10 and the winner will be called between 4 and 5 p.m. on Sat April 10.

Family Storytimes for all ages are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (except when special programs are scheduled).

The Kensington Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1098. Phone: 510-524-3043.

## ALBANY PTA NEWS

### Albany High School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at [lopm@earthlink.net](mailto:lopm@earthlink.net) March 22-26, Spring Spirit Week March 26, 27 & 28, Student Productions May 8, Cougar Golf Classic to benefit AHS Baseball Boosters, 12:30 p.m., Tilden Park Golf Course, \$135 per golfer, call 510-525-2608 or e-mail [Golft4HSBaseball@aol.com](mailto:Golft4HSBaseball@aol.com) Scrip Orders: call Norm Rossman at 510-558-0418, e-mail: [norm@normski.com](mailto:norm@normski.com) Reminder: Recycle printer cartridges in office. 510-526-2018

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## EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The El Cerrito High PTSA needs people to fill positions on the 2004-05 PTSA Board. For more information or to give your name to the nomination committee, notify Linda Takimoto at [ltakimoto@yahoo.com](mailto:ltakimoto@yahoo.com) or Joann Steck-Bayat at [jbayat@comcast.net](mailto:jbayat@comcast.net). The positions open are: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, membership, historian, volunteer coordinator and auditor (not a board position).

For those trying to respond to the teachers' statement, the correct e-mail address is [echs\\_teachers@yahoo.com](mailto:echs_teachers@yahoo.com) (only one underscore).

A boys' soccer team is forming in the under-14 bracket for the spring season. Players are needed. Practice for the spring season has already begun and games for this age group begin on March 27. For more information call Donna Houser, 510-234-2251.

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## Children

■ The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., continues its new spring **pre-school storytime** series through April 24, every Saturday at 11 a.m. The program is free. For more information, call 510-526-3720.

■ Anna Belle Panish offers preschool drama activity for children ages 2½ to 5 years with parents at Toy-go-Round, 1361 Solano Ave., Albany. Children will "try on" characters and engage in group dramatic activity. Drop in, held monthly on third Tuesday. No charge. For more information, call Anna Belle at 510-527-1437.

■ Children's Social Skills and Manners workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202.

■ Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. 531-7551.

■ Check out books from the **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library**. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 848-0237.

■ El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3½ years meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moers Lane. 215-4371.

■ The Ann Martin Children's Center of fers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821. Classes

## Class

■ **Richmond Art Center** spring classes begin March 22, at the Richmond Art Center. Become a member and take an additional 10% off the price of your class. Residents of Richmond receive a 10% discount. Register today. Call 510-620-6772. View on-line catalog at [www.theirichmondartcenter.org](http://www.theirichmondartcenter.org).

■ **St. John's Prime Timers** in Berkeley offers classes in ceramics, copper enameling, wood working, weaving, creative writing, and tap dancing (Thursdays). Classes are on-going and always welcome new members. Seniors over 50 are welcome. Tuesdays at 9:30, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Details: 845-6830.

■ **South Berkeley Senior Center** 2939 Ellis St., offers a free aerobics, stretching, strengthening fitness class for adults 55+. The class is taught by Naomi Puro. For more information, call 510-981-5170.

## Community

■ **Spring Equinox** gathering takes place at Cesar Chavez Park March 19. Arrive promptly at 5:30 p.m. Sunset at 6:15 p.m. Gathering ends at 6:30 p.m. Directions to Chavez Park: Drive past DoubleTree Inn (Berkeley Marina) and continue to end of road. Park. From parking bath-rooms, follow signs to site (5-minute walk to mound in northwest section of park). Dress warmly, the weather is part of the experience. At the "Interim Solar Calendar," the proposed site for the Cesar Chavez Memorial, focus will be on the symmetry of the equinox - and the fact that this day is the midpoint between winter and summer. March 19 through April 23 is the Cesar Chavez commemorative period in Berkeley. March 31 is the birthday of Cesar Chavez. Details: 510-845-0657 or [varrio@earthlink.net](mailto:varrio@earthlink.net)

■ University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley (200 Centennial Drive) offers "A Garden Walk with a Chemist Pigments," 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. March 20. Learn about the intriguing, mysterious and powerful world of plant chemistry with San Francisco State University chemistry professor Dr. Margaret Sequin. Course includes slide lecture introduction and a guided walk in the California Natives area of the Garden. No

previous chemistry knowledge required. Fee \$30, \$25 members. Information and registration: 510-643-2755 or [botanical-garden.berkeley.edu](http://botanical-garden.berkeley.edu).

■ Albany First Baptist Church, 1319 Solano Ave., presents "Easter Carnival" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 3. The event includes family fun, making crafts, playing carnival games, and a rummage sale. Snacks or lunch can be purchased in the cafeteria. Tickets for games and activities will be available for purchase at the door. Proceeds go to support children outreach programs. For more information, call 510-526-6632.

■ The Berkeley City Club and the Landmark Heritage Foundation, are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the legacy of Julia Morgan. Take a free docent-led tour of the Berkeley City Club on the fourth Sunday of each month except December, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tours are free; donations are welcome. The Berkeley City Club is located at 2315 Durant Avenue (two blocks west of Telegraph Avenue). For group reservations or more information, call 510-848-7800 or 510-883-9710.

■ Church of the Good Shepherd, (Ninth and Hearst in Berkeley) presents "Spring Fling Family and Community Contradance," March 27. All Musicians arrive at 2:30 p.m.; dance begins at 3 p.m. Music by Robin Flower and Libby McLaren. Dances called by Jerry Allen. Come play and dance. All levels are welcome. Easy dances for all ages. Adults: \$12; children 6-18 \$7, under 5 free. Details: 510-482-9479.

■ El Cerrito High School's Casino Night, an annual fundraiser to benefit the entire high school is Saturday, March 20, from 7-11 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center. Tickets are \$20 if reserved in advance or \$25 at the door. To reserve tickets, send an e-mail to [jsbayat@comcast.net](mailto:jsbayat@comcast.net) and your tickets will be held at "will call."

■ Learn about the Edible and Medicinal uses of common weeds as Terri Compost leads an **Urban Weed Walk** exploring the neighborhood around the Ecology Center Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Discover the treasure of an overgrown lot, ripe with wild foods, information about the soil, and medicines. Share information about the gifts of these often unwanted common volunteer plants. Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., near Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 510-548-2220, ext. 233.

■ University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, presents its **Spring Bulb Bonanza** March 15 through April 15. The Bonanza takes place during usual Garden Shop hours 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Garden will offer a special large collection of potted bulbs from around the world either blooming or ready to bloom this year, all at incredibly low prices. For more information and registration, call 510-643-2755 or visit the Web site at [botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu](http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu).

■ **Unicorn Pan Asian Cuisine** is donating 25 percent of its proceeds Tuesday, March 23, to the rural Uganda Golo-mola Village AIDS orphanage. Co-sponsored by ACT UP East Bay and Priority Africa Network. Unicorn is at 2533 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Reservations recommended. For more information, call 510-841-4339.

■ **Cesar Chavez birthday celebration** is Tuesday, March 30, 7-9 p.m. at the Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Join representatives from farm, labor and environmental groups to reflect on the history and explore present struggles for justice and a safe environment. Hear from local farmer Efran Avalos, UFW representative Jorge Riera on efforts to organize Sonoma County vineyards, and Christine Ahn from Food First on the boycott of Taco Bell. Event will also include fresh, organic goodies, video clips, cultural performances, and time for community discussion. 510-548-2220, ext. 233.

■ The third annual **International Women's Month** in March in Berkeley features the following events: Story Dreaming Workshop with artist, Patricia Bullit from 1 to 4 p.m. March 13, at the Live Oak Center, Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave., at Berryman St. (Handicapped ok entrance) Cost: \$25 to \$50 per person at door. Suggested for age 8 and older. Bring art supplies such as paint, glue, stapler, scissors. Photos, buttons, ribbons. The workshop features singer Bekka Fink, of SF Mime Troupe. Exhibition of story dresses at performance next day: Storytelling Women Performance at 3 p.m. March 14. Presenting: Patricia Bullit, dancer/storyteller, Becca Fink, singer/composer, Ruth Halpern, Storyteller, Shanti and Rami Ramrattan, South Indian Classical Dancers Nancy Schimmel, Storyteller. Cost: \$15 to \$35 per person. No one turned away for lack of funds. Location for both performances: Live Oak Center, Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave. For more information, call 510-841-6612.

■ University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial

Drive, offers a one-day conference filled with new ideas, exciting curriculum, practical and clever tips and techniques for starting or enhancing gardens in Bay Area Schools. Workshops will begin at the Lawrence Hall of Science and move to the UC Botanical Garden. Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The conference offers best practices in integrating gardens at schools and sustaining them throughout the year. Join teachers, school volunteers, and youth gardening enthusiasts in a roundtable of hands-on activities with lots of take away resources. \$10 for everyone. For more information call 510-495-2801.

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets quarterly from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marine Ave. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. For more information, call Gail Whitehouse at 408-425-5629.

■ The **Judah L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., presents the exhibit "Brought to Light: The Storied Collections of the Judah L. Magnes Museum" through April 25. Hours: Open Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Jewish and federal holidays. Admission is free. For more information, call 510-549-8950.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. 845-1226 or e-mail [bnc@netvalve.net](mailto:bnc@netvalve.net).

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ **TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly)** Chapter CA 1294 meets Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Betty Coates at 235-0490.

■ **Turning Point at the YWCA**, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. For an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in design and education. Call 848-6370.

■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive** offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

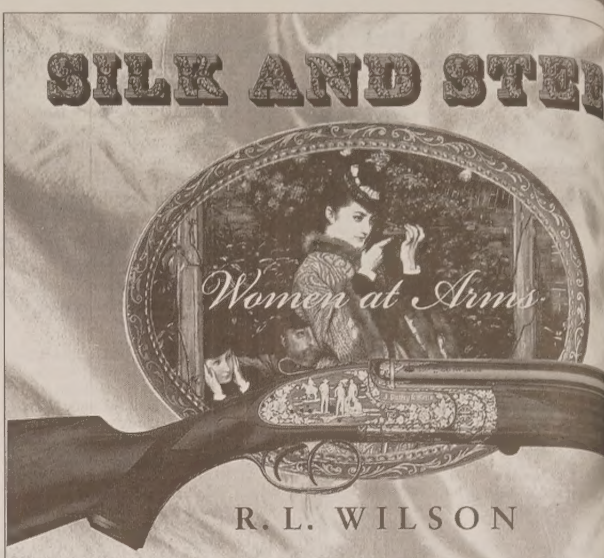
■ **Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies"**, volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

## Exhibits

■ **Center for Live Art auction and gala event** takes place March 27 from 7-11 p.m. at Slingshot Gallery, 1721 63rd St., Berkeley. Center for Live Art is a performing arts center planned for Berkeley's Ashby arts district. Free admission. Details: 510-835-3130 or [www.nct.org/Liveart.htm](http://www.nct.org/Liveart.htm)

■ The color photography of Stephen Palmer, UC Berkeley professor of Cog-



R.L. WILSON, author of "Silk and Steel: Women at Arms," touted as the "first comprehensive presentation on the subject of women and firearms" will be at Barnes & Noble, 2352 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley on March 30. The new book joins the author's series on the history of firearms, which commenced in 1979 with The Colt Heritage and continued through such later titles as Colt's American Legend, Winchester: An American Legend, The Peacemakers, Steel Canvas, Ruger's Guns, Buffalo Bill's Wild West (with Greg Martin), and The World of Beretta. Details: 510-644-8124.

native Science, will be on display in an exhibit entitled "The Art of Perception" at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany, from through April 18. These photographs highlight unusual visual situations such as geometric structure and symmetry in natural patterns and striking color contrasts between figure and ground. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and 10 a.m. on Saturday. A reception for the artist will be held Jan. 25 from 4-6 p.m.

■ The exhibit **Early Women of Berkeley** (1878-1953) and their organizations runs through March 27. The exhibit, curated by the College Women's Club/Berkeley Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Berkeley Historical Society, celebrates how women shaped Berkeley's history, working alone and through their clubs. A women's history lecture series is also planned. At the Berkeley History Center, 1931 Center St. Details: 848-0181. Admission free.

## Film/dance/stage

■ **"West Side Story"** by Laurents, Bernstein and Sondheim, will be performed by seventh- to 11th-grade Berkeley schools students and some guest talent from neighboring cities on Friday and Saturday, March 19, 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Longfellow Auditorium, 1500 Derby St., Berkeley. Tickets: \$10 adult; \$5 youth. [@pacbell.net](http://www.busduse.org/bwcinas) or 510-848-1797.

■ **Epic Arts** continues its production of "The Bright River," a show by Tim Barsky and the Everyday Theater Thursday-Saturday through March 20, at the Transparent Theater, 1901 Ashby Ave. (at MLK), Berkeley. Doors open at 8 p.m. Barsky and Company combine hip-hop, physical theatre, and Jewish folklore for an astonishing effect. Tickets are \$14-20 on a sliding scale, \$12 in advance. No show March 11. Call Epic Arts at 510-644-2204, for more information or directions to the Theatre.

■ **Berkeley Rep School of Theatre** presents the 2003-04 School Tour Production "True Mysteries Presents: Code Blue at the Genome Zoo" two public performances only Saturday, March 20, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Berkeley Rep's Thrust Stage, 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. The production, originally produced by San Francisco's Exploratorium and recommended for ages 7 and up, incorporates music and mystery to make advanced biology accessible to audiences of all ages. Code Blue, a timely lesson in genome-mapping, is scientifically challenging enough for middle school students, but dynamic and entertaining enough to engage younger audiences. Tickets: \$10 general admission, available at [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org) or call 510.647.2949 for avoid handling fees

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pendent filmmaker, Jacob Crawford that looks at police accountability through the eyes of three communities: Denver, Cincinnati and Berkeley. The screening is on Tuesday, March 23, at 9:15 p.m. at the Parkway Theater, 1834 Park Blvd. in Oakland. Admission: \$5. Details: 510-814-2400

■ Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience needed. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2, kids \$1. Details: 525-1130.

■ **Family Folkdancing** on the third Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at the Music and Dance Community, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Details: 510-848-1130.

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## Health

Health and Community Education classes in dance, fitness, martial arts and more; University... Bancroft Way; 848-6370;

## Learning

Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant... private social club, of... yoga class for seniors... 11 a.m. on Saturday's. The... by Rosie Linsky, who at... has practiced yoga for over 40... Open to non-members for \$8 a... more information, call Karen... 848-7800.

Berkeley Adult School offers ceram... from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on... at the St. John's Senior Center... College Ave. Classes are free... and firing charges are not... offered at a minimal charge... more information, call Diana Bohn... 848-6370.

**John's Prime Timers Senior**... Berkeley offers classes in ex... ing wood working, weaving, cre... ing and tap dancing. There are... on matters of current interest... slide presentations once a... Classes are on-going. New... and seniors over 50 are al... welcome. Lunch and friendly con... are offered at a minimal... St. John's Presbyterian Church... College Avenue, Berkeley. Call... for time and schedules.

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**Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.,**... ongoing chess instruction... from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The... range from fundamental to ad... and, and also casual play... is led by David Pruess... the Senior Master title and is... top chess players and teach... California. All levels are welcome... sets are provided. Call Julie... at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

**Dance classes.** Mondays 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community... 53 Arlington Ave. (across from... from Arlington Library) Simple, clear... for people of all levels. Empha... music and fun. Cost: \$30 for... session (pro-rated fees apply),... in session. Details: Mel... 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

**Senior Employment** offers a... program for income-eligible... 45 and older living in Oakland... Berkeley and Albany. Earn... you learn. Interested in working...? You can receive college... the Early Childhood Development... being paid. Details: 238-3554.

**Morgan Center for the Arts,**... College Ave., offers family-friendly... classes, workshops and activi... by professional teaching... all aimed at bringing arts partici... to everyday lives. Details: 845-... www.jliamorgan.org.

**Berkeley Adult School** offers... Education classes, High... Diploma Requirement classes... Educational Development... classes which can be used... a CEO certificate, and Prepara... US Citizenship classes. The... are free. BAS also offers, for an... table fee, a variety of vocational... and introductory and advanced... classes. Details: 844-6130.

**Review Clinics** sponsored by Tur... Center at the YWCA, 2600... Way, are held on Monday... from 9-11 by appointment... rate sessions are \$15 for YWCA... and \$20 for non-members... 848-6370 and leave a message to... an appointment time.

**Bay Community Media, Channel**... offers affordable classes in video... tion and editing to Berkeley... free. Free orientations designed to... the BCM to the public are held... every, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Mar... Way, Jr. Way. Details: 848-... ask for Patrick, John or Sage... 1317 San Pablo Ave., of... classes ranging from Afro... to Kalarani Dances of India, to... Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and

East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054. n Life Stories/Col... and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-6830.

**Dance and fitness classes** open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

**Let's Swing and Jitterbug;** 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

## Lecture/workshop

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**Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung** classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. 268-4995.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its **Turning Point Career Center.** The orientations outline resources available the center's workshops and other offerings. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370.

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## Literature

**Cody's Books** (2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley) presents scholar and human rights activist Nafeez Mosaddeq Ahmed author of "Behind The War Terror: Western Secret Strategy and the Struggle For Iraq," at 7:30 p.m. March 26. Ahmed examines the Western policy in Iraq and the Persian Gulf region from the early 20th century through the recent invasion. Ahmed directs the Institute for Policy Research and Development in Britain; he is also the author of "The War on Freedom." He is a former senior researcher at the Islamic Human Rights Commission. Free. Details: 510-845-7852

**Author Mary Tolman Kent** will share from her book "Closing the Circle," 2-4 p.m. March 21, Berkeley History Center, 1931 Center St. The book, Kent's memoir about life in Berkeley, covers such events as World War II, the Loyalty Oath Controversy, and the social change of the 1960s and '70s. Admission free. Call 510-848-0181 for more information, or visit the Web page at www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/histoc/.

**A free publication party** and reading from "In Deep," a book of poetry by **Kirk Lumpkin**, takes place 4-6 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at Ecology Center Bookstore, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Preceded and followed by live jazz performed by the Real Band. Details: 510-548-2220, ext. 227; www.kirklumpkin.com.

## Meetings/lectures

**The League of Women Voters** sponsors Dr. Marty Lynch, CEO of Berkeley's Lifelong Medical Care Association, and other professionals at 6:30 p.m. March 22, at the Berkeley Central Library, 2090 Kittredge St., third floor meeting room. The discussion will focus on the current Universal health care system, Medicare, recent reform efforts, single payer plans, and incremental approaches to the system. For more information, call 510-843-8824.

**Grizzly Peak Flyfishers**, a group dedicated to furthering the noble sport

of fly fishing through education and conservation, holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. March 11, at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. Cliff Sullivan, a well-known fly tier will show some of his patterns and demonstrate his techniques. Expert, beginning and "wannabe" fly fishers are all welcome. For more information, call Richard Orlando at 510-547-8629.

**Powerhounds**, a ski, snowboard and social club meet the second Tuesdays, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Oakland Hilton, Amella restaurant, 1 Hegenberger Rd., and fourth Tuesdays 7 to 9 p.m. at Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-769-7669 or visit the Web site at www.powderhounds.com.

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**St. John's Prime Timers** meet on Tuesday mornings at 2727 College Ave. Sharon Stalkfleet will speak about her ministry to four local nursing homes at 11 a.m. Dec. 16. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 510-845-6830.

**Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.,** presents poetry events: First Thursdays include Open Mike and Featured Poet sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. Second Wednesdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops, for all ages. Second Saturdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for grades 4-8. All three events are free and on-going. Light refreshments will be served. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20 for more information.

**Storytelling for Adults**, a group of storytellers, and listeners, who love to listen to stories, to keep the oral tradition alive, meet from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the Claremont Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1940 Benvenue, at Ashby. Free. 610-644-6880; or 525-1533.

**The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability who requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

**The El Cerrito Toastmasters** offers basic public speaking and leadership activities and programs. Speakers of all skill levels are invited to come, observe and participate. Meetings occur every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

**Kol Hadash**, the Bay Area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, with more than 110 family members from around the Bay Area, meets on the fourth Friday of each month for a regular Shabbat (Sabbath), every other month on a Saturday for a Family Shabbat. The group holds Sunday school classes two Sundays a month, celebrates all the major Jewish holidays and holds special events from time to time. Location: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 428-1492.

## Miscellany

**St. John's Prime Timers** in Berkeley offers ongoing classes at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Classes include exercises, ceramics, copper enameling, woodworking, weaving, creative writing, and tap dancing (Thursdays). New members are always welcome, especially seniors' over 50. Call 845-6830 for more information.

**The Center for Independent Living** announces its newly created **Asian Outreach Program** to assist Asian individuals with disabilities, particularly new immigrants. Providing services and advocacy in Cantonese, Vietnamese, and

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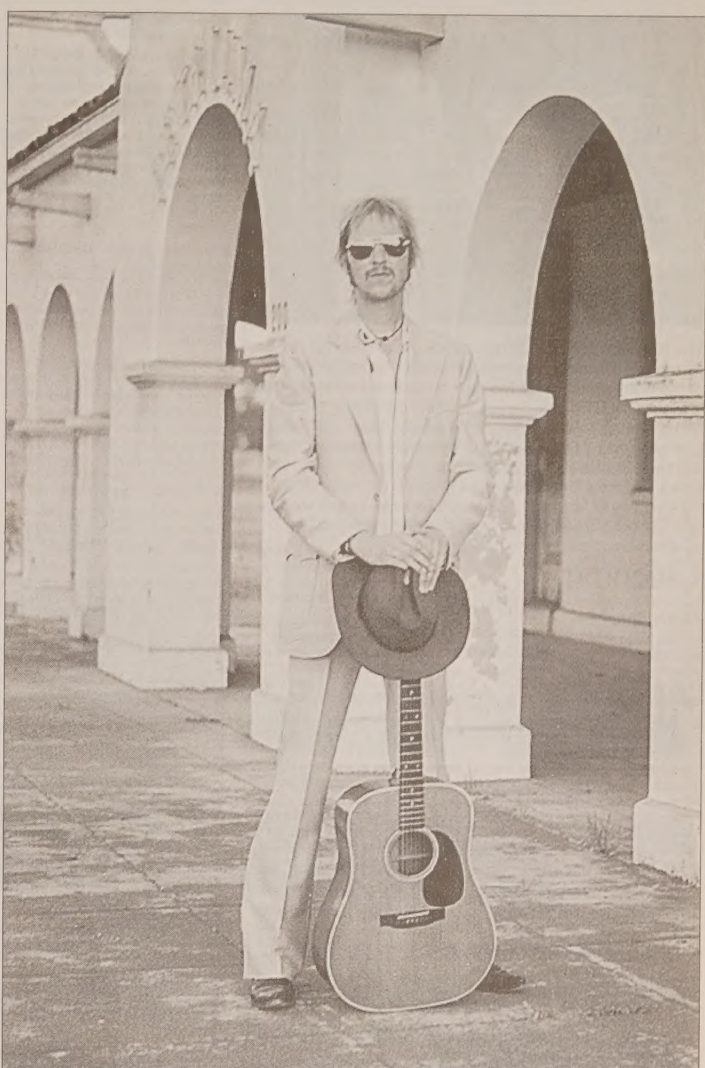
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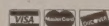
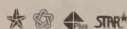
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■ **Friendship Circle**, a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Jewish Center, 200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activ-

ties include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.

■ **Improve your speaking skills** by attending **Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster** meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

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doing. Monthly field trips. For more details call Don at 525-3565.

■ **Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more details call R. DeRitt, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

■ **The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters** Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ **The Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.

■ **Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters**, The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to

7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

■ **Toastmasters**: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

■ **The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. For additional information call 204-4503.

■ **Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

■ **"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

■ **State Health Toastmasters** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10-1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

■ **Higher Alignment**; 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 415-461-5337; \$20.

■ **Alta Bates Support Groups** - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1-2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12-step

program providing free help with eating problems, meet every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (at 8 a.m.) at St. Mary's Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Bay Area third floor). For further info: 273-9292.

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# Cameras

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amount of graffiti, re- to spray-painting on the school board members voted the use of the cameras because they thought it was not intrusive and would cut down on the problems. One resident said that without the cameras,

the high school would become complacent if there was a real fire emergency.

"If it takes putting in cameras to reduce vandalism and a loss of school spirit, I'm in favor of it," said a parent.

Not everyone agreed. During the public comment portion of the discussion, some residents called the cameras a "quick fix" and asked the school board to instead focus on the root causes of the problems by using the money

to hire more counselors.

"What I'm seeing is a culture of mistrust," said parent Amy Freeman, adding that the mistrust extended to using breathalyzers to measure intoxication at school dances. The school board approved breathalyzers in 2002.

Eighteen surveillance cameras — 10 interior and eight exterior — are scheduled to be installed at the high school by the end of the school year. Cameras will be installed at Albany Middle School

the following year and at the city's three elementary schools the year after that.

The total cost for the cameras will be \$50,000, paid for through various state grants.

Signs will be posted where the cameras will be in use and the records can be used in student disciplinary proceedings or released to law enforcement agencies for their investigation, according to the resolution approved by the school board.

The principal will oversee the implementation and operation of the video recording systems, which will not be regularly monitored. The cameras are "intended to read and store the images for future reference upon 'reasonable suspicion' and known or reported incidents."

Recordings, which will not include audio, will be erased or destroyed after 30 days. The recording equipment must be kept in a secure locked area in the principal's office.

Wong said that dealing with the roots of the problems at the schools is important but so is enforcing the rules.

"If we could always deal with the root of it, there would be less need for law enforcement and unfortunately that's not the way it works," Wong said. "For some people, no matter what education you provide, some enforcement will have to be done."

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or alopez1@cctimes.com.

# Humane

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and O'Connor said the goal was eventually to establish a permanent relationship between the city-owned Animal Society, with a more efficient division of labor. One proposal is San Francisco, the animal shelter concen- on rounding up strays, the humane society concen- on finding them new

animal groups are the Carlson's accession with enthusiasm.

seems already to be friends and building," said Linda McCormick, of Fix Our Ferals. "I her last week, and she

called me right back. In the old days, that would have never happened. It's so refreshing, and so much what Berkeley needs — an end to all the frustrations and finger-pointing that have kept us from working together."

Carlson said another top priority will be expanding the number of mobile animal adoption units, not only in selected sites in Berkeley, but also in Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington.

"We want them to know that we're their Humane Society, too," she said. "We have some awfully cute dogs and cats to adopt, and we also have valuable services to offer pet owners, including dog training classes, humane education, and our Caretaker program, which finds a loving new home for your pet if you die."

One beneficiary of the Caretaker program is Claude the cat,

a venerable, cream-colored tom of indeterminate age, who graciously condescends to share his office at the Humane Society with Carlson.

"He's been here longer than any of us, and many of us have been here for more than 10 years," she said while obediently scratching him behind his ears, as he demanded. "Everyone here fell in love with him, and vice-versa, so it was decided that instead of adopting him out, he'd be the office cat."

Claude has ruled the roost ever since, wandering from room to room at will. For his convenience, multiple food dishes, water bowls, and litter boxes are placed at strategic locations throughout the building.

He also has a day job as the Humane Society's dog temperament evaluator.

"We use him to test all our dogs," said shelter manager Vicki Chin. "He's so mellow, nothing frightens him. So if he tenses up around a dog, we take it as an early warning sign, and we make sure that dog doesn't go to a home that has cats."

For now, Carlson's job title has "interim" attached to it. But Shiro left no doubt that as far as the board is concerned, the search for a permanent executive director is already over.

"Are you kidding?" he said with a laugh. "She brings to the table a rare combination of temperament, ability and experience. We're lucky to have her."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or msnapp@cctimes.com.

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10:30 a.m., Mondays; Take the 10:30 a.m. train to Albany Chapter 1000 Stannard St. at Marin; for Karen, 525-8858.

Stages Rehabilitation Center and Neurology sponsors a free stroke support group. No admissions are required, drop-in. The group meets the first Tuesday month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Marly Auditorium on Herrick St., 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. 510-4503.

# Music

Gieson makes a rare solo appearance premiering tunes from his new Wasted Days CD California on Saturday, March 20, at Down Home Music, 1000 Stannard St., El Cerrito. On March 27, at 2 p.m. Down

Home hosts Laurie Lewis and Tom Rozum. Performances are free. Details: 510-525-2129.

■ The Berkeley Broadway Singers, a 75-member chorus, presents "Pennies From Heaven," at 2 p.m. March 20, at St. Ambrose Church, its rehearsal home, 1145 Gilman St., Berkeley. This is a benefit to improve the church's handicap access and for earthquake retrofitting. Tickets: \$10, \$8-seniors, children free. Details: 510-524-7840

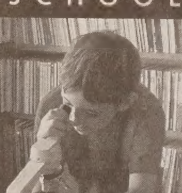
■ Join classical Indian bansuri player Maestro G.S. Sachdev and percussionist Swapna Chaudhuri on tabla for a spring equinox performance of North Indian ragas at 7:30 p.m. March 20, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$15 and partly benefit nosweatshops.org. Call 415-259-8629 or e-mail for tickets, or stop by Bansuri's Spring Gallery, 3929 Piedmont Ave., Oakland.

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# Safety

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into his home. Others agreed that there's a lot of speeding traffic on Arlington and that slowing it is a desirable goal.

"Residents along Arlington have noted accidents involving their cars parked alongside the road as well as ran-off-road types of accidents," according to a report by traffic consultants TJKM Transportation Consultants.

It was these concerns the council was attempting to address when it authorized \$25,000 for improvements on Arlington.

However, several residents voiced opposition to a recommendation that stop signs be placed at the intersection of Arlington Boulevard at Moeser Lane and Terrace Drive.

Terrace Drive resident Bertha McKinley was one of several residents who said she would love to see traffic slowed down but the stop sign would increase the amount of traffic that stops near her home, increasing noise and pollution along with it.

"It's a horrible intersection and we would love to see it made better, but we feel we will bear the brunt of the negative impacts on this one," she said.

Others strongly supported the stop signs, including Michael Simcich, who said additional stop signs would help make Arlington a "civil" street for motorists. Choi said he left the meeting satisfied, because he got he was asking for — "type-K markers" that would illuminate what he considered to be a "blind intersection" at Arbor Drive and Arlington Boulevard.

"The more visibility and the more signage we have, then the more people are aware of around the corner," Choi said.

Other residents said they wanted a stronger police presence on Arlington Boulevard as

well as improvements at Madera Drive, where Madera Elementary School is located.

By a 3-2 vote, the council approved two stop signs at Arlington Boulevard — one at Moeser Lane and the other at Terrace Drive. Councilwoman Gina Brusatori and Councilman Mark Friedman dissented.

According to the TJKM report, a stop sign was justified at Moeser Lane because a motorist could not see conflicting traffic, unless that conflicting traffic is also required to stop.

The council unanimously approved several other recommendations from the list made up by consultants TJKM.

They are:  
■ Installing advance "Limited sight distance" warning signs on Arlington Boulevard for northbound traffic 200 feet south of Havens/Villa Nueva and 200 feet north of Brewster for southbound traffic.

■ Installing "type-K" markers on either side of Arlington Boulevard from 150 to 300 feet north of the north crosswalk at Moeser Lane. The markers resemble "reflective paddles" intended to better show the boundaries of the road.

Moving the stop line for east-bound Potrero Avenue to match the location of the west curb line of Arlington Boulevard. That would give motorists coming from Potrero Avenue better access to see traffic moving on Arlington Boulevard.

Clark said the traffic improvements will be studied to see how effective they are and there will be new recommendations or changes if need be. In addition, the traffic study will be expanded to include Arlington Boulevard north of Moeser Lane as well as Barrett Avenue.

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# Aid

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partment has not authorized the refinancing.

Hancock hopes the influence of Schwarzenegger and Riordan can help.

"(If the loan is refinanced,) the money saved would go to libraries, athletics and school counselors, which are some of the things that they've had to cut," Hancock said. "It would mean an enormous amount to these young people."

District Superintendent Gloria Johnston said she is optimistic the governor will respond to the legislators' request.

# Fields

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The park district has applied for \$5.5 million in grants from the state to develop the fields, in two grant applications that are expected to be awarded this summer.

A condition of the grant is that work related to CEQA — such as an environmental analysis — be conducted within one year of the award. Albany and Berkeley are acting now to start that process.

"Everything is lined up to make (the project) happen," Pollard said. "I think the feeling is if Albany can help make something happen sooner and better for the Albany community and neighboring communities particularly for kids, to

While local legislators work inside the Capitol, Hanna Ranch Elementary teacher Sarah Creeley hopes a march planned for April will provide additional pressure from the outside.

Marking the 50th anniversary of the landmark Brown v. Board of Education ruling, a group of West Contra Costa parents, teachers and students plan to march 70 miles from San Pablo to Sacramento on April 9 to 16 to protest what they call continued separate and unequal educational opportunities.

The group is asking for equity in education funding, allocation of Proposition 98 money, and the elimination of the West Contra Costa school district's debt negotiated with the state after the

bankruptcy bailout in 1991. So far, the group's march is endorsed by school board members Glen Price and George Harris III.

The board was expected yesterday to discuss which items may come off the budget reduction list for next year.

Price supports the march and will participate in the walk, though he doesn't know if he will be able to go the entire route. He said his job may not permit him to take a week off.

Creeley said she plans to walk the entire 70 miles to Sacramento. "By marching ... we're reaching out to all the school districts that are struggling and saying we've got to make education a priority," she said.

backers as well as environmentalists are supportive of the JPA, with the hope that it will ultimately lead to much-needed play space ball fields for area children.

"The kids in the whole JPA area really need playing fields so I'm glad the way it's gone and hopefully the grant comes through," said Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi.

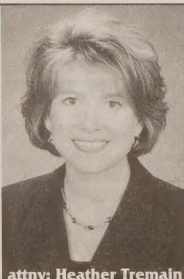
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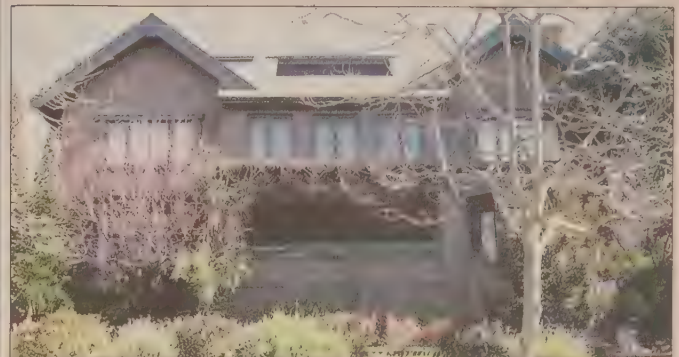


**TRAINING IS KEY** at this home in Seattle, Washington, with one bedroom, five baths and lots of the home's only true bedroom, a master suite, has two fireplaces.

## Dream homes: a window into how we've changed

**ELIZABETH RHODES**  
 The Seattle Times  
 2,000 square feet, Shaio-Yen's modern Seattle dream is not only gigantic, it's dramatic. The ceiling soars three stories into the main floor. The glass-fronted home boasts five bedrooms, a master suite with a heated seat, a true bedroom, a master suite with two fireplaces. And, naturally, it's a media room, with a television.  
 Years ago, a dream home has been more different. In the Seattle house Gene designed for his family in 1954 sufficed with a carport, an unfinished recreation room and a more straightforward raft of three bedrooms and two baths.  
 So why has the look of the architecturally designed home changed so dramatically in five decades? In part, because the way we live has changed — inspiring home-theater rooms, high-tech offices and supersized kitchens.  
 But more than that, the changes reflect homeowners' intense quest to express their individuality — indeed, it's seen almost as a birthright — combined with their growing affluence. Today, their dreams are unrestricted by most traditional notions of what a house ought to be — provided they have the vision, the money and the architect.  
 "Architects don't work in convention. They work when convention is broken," said University of Illinois research architect William Rose Wu, whose \$2 million-plus North Seattle home on the Lake Washington waterfront attracted hundreds of visitors at a January open house, had a clear vision of what she wanted: large volumes of open space and few rooms.  
 "Because I'm a single woman and I have experience with real estate for 30-some-odd years and I've looked at the Street of Dreams, my

## Real Estate Spotlight: Piedmont Craftsman built by Julia Morgan



**DESIGNED BY JULIA MORGAN IN 1908-09**, 326 El Cerrito Avenue in Piedmont is a meticulously maintained Craftsman home, wonderful for family and entertaining. The pergola-shaded porch and leaded glass front door open to the paneled foyer and formal staircase. The dramatic living room with new burnished steel fireplace complements the traditional dining room with built-in buffet, china cabinets and window seat. Julia Morgan also designed delicate square and circular leaded glass detail in the large windows throughout and an exceptional library with diamond-paned windows, turn of the century tile floor, atrium and colored glass skylight.  
 The kitchen and family room open to the patio for outdoor dining and entertaining, while the wine cellar stores wine for special occasions. The upstairs has 4 bedrooms and 2 baths, including master bedroom with fireplace and dressing room, a second library/sitting area and hobby/storage room. The third floor has a second family room with balcony and expansive bay views, two bedrooms, bath and office. The deep yard, reminiscent of past estates, has a gazebo, private irrigation well and newly landscaped rose and vegetable gardens.  
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feeling is most of the time people have too many rooms and they don't go into them," she said. "So I created spaces with multiple uses so I won't waste any space.  
 Plenty of people dream of a custom home, and plenty, too, shake their heads at such high-end, unconventional design.  
 But Wu's wowed many who toured it. "It was beautiful," enthused Joyce McKinnon of Holmes Point, Wash. She and her husband, Ed, visit architect-designed open houses to see the newest ideas. They agreed that Wu's demonstrated that architects are in the forefront of innovation.  
 "This is more great room, not so formalized, more multiuse," said McKinnon. "We have an architect-designed house, and we're glad because we could personalize it."  
 That's typical of custom-house clients, said Seattle architect David Fukui. "(They) have money, they have taste, they know what professionals do, and they want something beyond what they can just buy going into the classifieds on Sunday."  
 That's exactly why Wu shared her vision with architect W. Carlton Lambert.  
 Wu's house epitomizes the large glass-and-stucco ultramodern style.  
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# That was then . . . a look back at our beginnings

Number 457 in a series of true experiences in real estate

The first column in this series appeared in print in March 1993, 11 years ago. We were a young company then and the column provided a way for us to tell who we are, to make contact with people who wouldn't have known us otherwise and to explain what was going on in real estate.

Our columns in that first year urged buyers to think, to decide if they wanted to buy, or not. Because deciding seemed to be what was lacking. There were plenty of people at open houses. We and other agents were working with people who said that they were buyers. But many of them weren't buying.

The pace was slow, with buyers taking their own sweet time. They were picky, and they were worried. They didn't know how long they'd have to stay in a house before they'd be

Sellers then usually got a termite report. It used to be common for the seller to credit back in escrow the amount of the bid. So buyers were buying "as is" but what they did with the money was up to them. Often it helped pay their closing costs.

Eleven years ago, very few sellers had a general physical inspection done before marketing. Buyers got their own reports, learned what was wrong with the house, and although it didn't happen every time, often prices were renegotiated downwards to cover the cost of repairs.

And while sellers were advised by their agents to spiff up their



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When the owner shut the door, place was damaged by a quake, he put a board

The market was different in March 1993 than it is now in a number of ways. Prices were lower while interest rates were higher and rising. There were so many houses for sale that the buyers would simply move on to others. I wrote that in a typical week there were about 200 houses on tour, too many by far for us or our clients to see.

# Key concepts for women investors

Women today have more earning potential and more influence over financial decisions than ever before. Women represent almost half of the workforce and many businesses are owned or managed by women. Many women influence or control the majority of all consumer purchase decisions and many of the investment decisions. As you can see, it is important for women focus on finances now more than ever.

Whether you are a business owner, a stay at home mom or working in a corporate environment, learning to manage your money should be a priority. As a woman, throughout your life you will be faced with different financial challenges than your male counterparts. If you are going to take control of your financial future, it is important that you recognize those differences and empower yourself.

There are several reasons you should have a financial plan and pay attention to your investments. Let us take a look at some of these reasons:

**Longer life expectancy.** According to the National Center for Health Statistics, women outlive

men by an average of seven years. As you live longer, you face more years in retirement and may spend these years alone. You will want to make sure that if you should find yourself in this situation, you are confident in your financial knowledge.

**Being on your own.** You may be on your own at some point in your financial life, whether it is before getting married, after a divorce or following a spouse's death. These experiences can be an emotional time in your life, so you will want to be sure that you have a solid understanding about your finances in order to know what your next steps should be.

**Time spent out of the workforce.** Generally speaking, women tend to spend more time away from work than men, whether caring for children or for an elderly parent. Even if you are not currently in the workforce earning money, it is still important stay in touch with your finances.

The key to navigating these and other challenges is to have a well-rounded investment plan. The good news is that it is never too early or too late to begin planning for your



**LEILA GOUGH**  
Money Matters

future. Here are a few steps you can take now to help ensure your financial security:

**Determine your financial goals.** Make a list of your financial goals including any specific needs your children may have. Once your goals are determined, you should determine the steps necessary to achieve these goals. Regardless of what your plan includes, the important thing is to have your goals clearly defined and identify the right tools to reach them.

**Seek the advice of a financial consultant.** It is important to find a financial consultant that you can trust and with whom you feel comfortable. By seeking a professional, you will not be giving up your decision-making power, but enlisting

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able to sell for the same price, or more. Would prices go up, or down?

Buyers expected to negotiate, to have the termite and roof work done and paid for, and not by them. Many looked long and hesitated, often for such a long time that it was too late for them to get what they had hoped for.

The market was different than it is now in a number of ways. Prices were of course lower while interest rates were higher and rising. It was just the beginning of multiple offers. They occurred only occasionally, and buyers hated it, many of them telling their agents they wouldn't offer on a house if they had to compete for it.

There were so many houses for sale that the buyers would simply move on to others. I wrote that in a typical week there were about 200 houses on tour, too many by far for us or our clients to see.

But we tried. In one column I told about our buyers who in only 8 weeks managed to see 152 houses. Then exhausted, tired of the whole process, they chose one.

The house wasn't ideal, they complained. In fact, for 2 weeks after getting into contract they agonized over their choice. Maybe they hadn't looked long enough, hadn't "tried on" enough possibilities, maybe there was a better one out there.

houses to make them look their best, professional staging was rare. When this column was new, we had a listing in Berkeley's Elmhurst, the first we ever had staged.

The staging was minimal — a rocking chair, ottoman and rug, a few pictures on the walls and a bowl full of lemons in the kitchen. Otherwise, the house was empty. We turned to staging then because we were in love with what we had accomplished in that house and wanted others to be too.

The owner, a man in his 60s, was selling because he was about to make a large life change — en-

his abode, he offered and provide the money to things

We had a wonderful time on that house, cleaned and painted, with its own barn and was plowed and left to Furnace, roof, flooring, counters were replaced, found room in the back for the fireplace. There was offer on that house, surprisingly, it sold for price. But even if it

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1827 105th Av - \$195,000  
2115 108th Av - \$200,000  
1721 11th St - \$245,000  
655 12th St 202 - \$379,000  
655 12th St 207 - \$338,500  
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2728 67th Av - \$278,000  
1422 70th Av - \$280,000  
928 70th Av - \$225,000  
1277 76th Av - \$260,000  
1440 76th Av - \$250,000  
1225 84th Av - \$195,000

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## Tarpoff

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many offers, the bids wouldn't have gone very high.

For example, we sold a duplex in Oakland's Rockridge that same year, a property that attracted intense buyer interest.

In those days there was no appointed day for offers, nor did listing agents require that sealed offers be dropped off to them.

The asking price was certainly lower at \$219,000 than other properties nearby. But it was hard to tell what the value of the building actually was.

For one thing, it was full of tenants who had leases but nevertheless were freaked out about the sale. They didn't want to let anyone in. And no inspections had been made, not even a termite report.

We and our buyers joined a crowd the day we were told we could get inside. The upstairs tenants did allow a quick walk through, two at a time, but no one was home downstairs, and the listing agent had no keys.

In those days there was no appointed day for offers, nor did listing agents require that sealed offers be dropped off to them. When you had an offer, you presented it

as soon as the seller was available to hear it.

In this case, immediately there were many offers. We wrote a completely "as is" contract for our buyers and, among the throng, theirs was accepted at \$220,000, only \$1,000 over list price.

They weren't able to get possession for 6 or 8 months, and

when they did, the building required a new foundation and a roof, fire-place rebuild, as well as other work. But they were delighted to have the property and they still are.

This happy ending was possible because they had a strong commitment. They didn't over think the situation but moved ahead swiftly and acted bravely, much like successful buyers today.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are residential real estate agents who can be reached at 653-2050 and at [www.tarpoffandtalbert.com](http://www.tarpoffandtalbert.com).

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- Presenting an offer on a home
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- Calculating your monthly amount


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The tour offers some of the most delightful and intriguing East Bay gardens with something for everyone in this year's offerings.

Tickets are \$45 per person; the price includes a map for a self-guided tour of the private gardens and a keepsake booklet with detailed descriptions of each garden. Tickets also include talks by garden experts held on the school grounds during lunch-time.

A newly expanded and vibrant marketplace will be open to the public.

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## A look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

### FOR THE PUBLIC

#### Listings

The inventory of homes for sale is very low. This continues to affect the availability and affordability of homes. Considering all this and the approach of spring (one of the best times for home sales) now would be a favorable time to investigate putting your home on the market. Your local Realtor can provide a free comparative market analysis to help you know what your home might be worth.

#### Glassmaker

See a "Glass Act" by Alameda glassmaker Ken Mathias on Thursday, March 25. The first lecture in the Alameda Museum series continues a house-by-house survey of the decorative glass on the Island. Ginger Schuler of Harbor Bay Realty underwrites this lecture. Call 510-748-0796.

#### Teaching+

Prudential California Realty is seeking nomination for outstanding teachers. The PCR Education Foundation honors exceptional teachers each spring for their contributions. Cash grants are awarded. Nominees must be K-12 teachers, including special education teachers. To nominate a teacher and learn about the program go to [www.prurealty.com/educationfoundation/nominee.asp](http://www.prurealty.com/educationfoundation/nominee.asp).

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### LUNCH

Monthly lunch and learn sessions are a tradition at the Berkeley Association of Realtors. Attend at the BAR Auditorium on Wednesday, March 31. BAR presents a speaker on a topic of current interest. To join the Lunch Bunch call the BAR office at 510-848-4288.

### DERBY

Just like the Kentucky Derby, dust off your favorite hat and get ready for the WCR East Bay Chapter Annual Day At The Races. The event tickets include parking, admission, buffet and reserved seating for racing excitement. Join the fun at the Golden Gate Fields Turf Club at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 24. The best chapeau wins a prize. Sign up with Lee Jacobson of Pacific Union at 510-338-1309.

### HORSES

And they're off! Bay Meadows horse racing is the focus of a California Association of Residential Lenders day of R & R. The event package includes parking, admission, buffet and reserved seating for racing excitement. Be there at 1:15 p.m., Friday, April 16. Sign up by calling Jennifer Johnson at 925-355-1200.

### NEIGHBORS

Realtor magazine is seeking nominations for its fifth annual Good Neighbor Awards. The program recognizes realtors whose commitment to community service has helped make their community a better place. Five winners will be announced in the magazine and honored at the 2004 Realtors Conference & Expo. Award entries must be received by May 1. For more details call 800-874-6500.



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### PMN

The Women's Council of Realtors offers a new designation designed to focus on the most current topics driving the marketplace. It provides real-world tools and skills to today's practitioners. The Per-

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## Gough

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the aid of an expert to provide you with helpful advice on creating a tailored plan for your specific financial situation.

**Educate yourself.** Many women still make the mistake of shying away from investing, but educating yourself is the best way to learn more about the various vehicles available to you. Keep abreast of your own financial situation as well as what is happening in the investing world by reading financial news, surfing the Internet and attending personal finance seminars. By learning more about investments, you will not feel as overwhelmed if you find yourself unexpectedly in the financial driver's seat.

**Implement your goals.** Once you are familiar with investing and have a clear picture of your financial goals, you can work with your financial consultant to begin implementing your plan. As you take action, keep in mind that you may need to change it in the event of life changes such as marriage, divorce or the birth of a child. It is important to review your financial plan at least once a year in order to keep it fresh and in sync with your lifestyle.

Leila Gough is an Associate Vice President with A. G. Edwards, member SIPC in Oakland. She can be reached at 510-452-8060.

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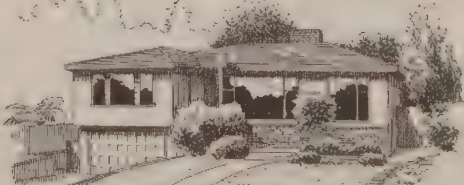
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## You haven't planned your estate? Well, what are you waiting for?

BY DAVID LEVIN  
CORRESPONDENT

### Part three of a three-part series Adding Children to the Mix

In case avoiding taxes, the headaches of probate, ensuring you're protected in case of incapacity or ensuring that your property makes its way to your beneficiaries in the prescribed manner doesn't sound compelling enough, putting children into the equation should make estate planning a no-brainer.

It should be obvious that if you die as a single parent of minor children, or you and your spouse die simultaneously, not having a written plan can be catastrophic. Without a will naming a guardian for your child(ren), upon your death or grave disability a court would have to guess your intentions concerning the choice for an appropriate guardian. That scenario is a prospect that surely makes every parent of minor children wince.

### You Can't Transfer What You No Longer Have

Often overlooked in the estate planning process is the need to preserve the assets being used to form the plan. Just as life insurance, disability insurance or the like are viewed as sound ways to preserve what you have, asset protection is a key component of estate planning. Estate planning without asset protection might compromise the entire strategy should creditors at-

tempt to enforce a judgment against you.

Certain individuals like those owning rental property, professionals and small business owners should be especially vigilant of asset protection because they are likelier targets of lawsuits.

You can better protect your assets in a number of ways: increasing insurance coverage, executing a homestead declaration to get a small exemption, placing money into retirement funds, and talking to those from whom you expect an inheritance to make sure your inheritance in their estate plan comes with a "spendthrift" clause.

Additional protection, however, should definitely be considered, including establishing a business entity such as a Limited Liability Company or Family Limited Partnership to own those assets, or setting up an irrevocable trust to remove the assets from your control.

### You Bring Your Car In For a Tuneup... What About Your Estate Plan?

Yes, there are potholes in the world of financial and estate planning too. And they can occur often or seldom, in clumps or in isolation, but they can have a dramatic impact on your plan and therefore require periodic review. Have you experienced a birth in the family? A death? A divorce? An inheritance? These are just a few of the circumstances that require a review of what is in place to see if any

foods and garden-related wares.

Proceeds from the tour and "The Marketplace" benefit the scholarship and academic programs of Park Day School, an independent K-6 school.

For more information, and to purchase tickets, please call Kathy Shields at 510-653-0317 ext. 103

## Tour

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public in the park-like setting of the school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"The Marketplace" will feature over 30 merchants with rare plants, fine

## Wilson

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now completely gone. Indeed, the entire Richmond district was once filled with cemeteries, until a 1901 law that made burial in San Francisco illegal and forced the removal of existing human remains there to Colma and elsewhere.

English architect Bernard J. Cahill designed the San Francisco Columbarium, which opened in 1898 in the city's Odd Fellows' Cemetery. It has a large central rotunda, and it contains over 5,000 niches within its circular walls. It was originally built as an Odd Fellows cemetery. The structure was abandoned in 1934, during the Great Depression. Over the next 45 years, "hobos and tramps" often used the building for shelter, according to caretaker Emmitt Watson. Vandals stole the vaults' bronze- and iron-grilled doors or ripped marble flower urns from their moldings.

By the time the Neptune Society of Northern California purchased the structure in 1979 and decided to restore it, raccoons resided in the alcoves, pigeons and (ironically) doves were nesting in the eaves, the roof leaked badly, and layers of fungus and mushrooms were growing everywhere.

The San Francisco Columbarium has been almost entirely restored today. New freestanding walls with niches have been constructed outside the old rotunda

within the past year, to accommodate new urns.

The original niches are still filled with the remains of deceased loved ones, some having resided here for over 105 years. Some are reserved for several generations of individual families, while "community niches" house the remains of several unrelated individuals.

As a sign of the times, the remains of the victims of the AIDS epidemic occupy a large number of the newer niches some as individuals and others as couples, a reminder of this devastating disease.

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## Bridging the gap

Q: Could you please explain how a bridge loan works? My husband's company has transferred him to another city. As part of the relocation package, they offer the option of a bridge loan for a period of 6 months. The loan is not to exceed 90 percent of the amount of equity held in the existing home.

Does that basically mean that the company will loan us what would be our down payment on a new home and we would then apply for a mortgage and repay the "down payment" amount back to the company as soon as our home sells?

Thank you very much for any insight you can bring to light on this matter and thank you for your time.

— R and L Cox

A: A bridge loan is interim financing that allows you to own two properties while waiting to sell one of them. It appears that in your

case, you have 6 months to sell your former home.

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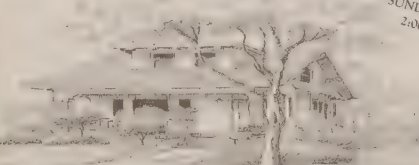
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### WHO?

Bells are ringing for me and my guy. Wedding bells that is. On St. Patrick's **DAY THIS COLUMNIST TIED THE KNOT** in the very Irish town of Murphys California. Keeping it all in the family (the real estate family), my groom is Realtor/Broker **Steven De Lucchi** of RE/Max Active in Fremont. Although our titles change from fiancé and fiancée to husband and wife, the last

names remain the same. May the wind be always at our backs.

### WHAT?

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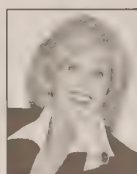


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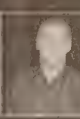
**Noe Valley**  
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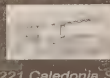


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when the old house sells. As you can see, there are an infinite number of possibilities, so you need to consult your bridge loan agreement to be sure.  
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Tom Hamilton, Ph.D., is associate professor at the Shenehon Center for Real Estate Education at the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis. E-mail your questions to: [twHamilton@stthomas.edu](mailto:twHamilton@stthomas.edu).


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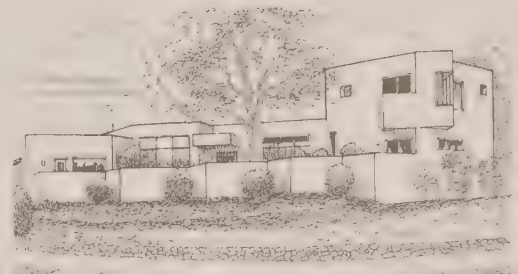
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 2500 98th Av - \$230,000  
 8451 Aster Av - \$439,000  
 1735 Auson Av - \$260,000  
 5421 Bancroft Av - \$278,000  
 5449 Belgrave Pl - \$915,000  
 2545 Best Av - \$255,000  
 21 Bowles Pl - \$810,000  
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 425 Clara St - \$283,000  
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 1331 East 33rd St - \$540,000

2702 East 9th St - \$300,000  
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 1200 Brickyard 108 - \$305,000  
 1201 Brickyard 318 - \$575,000  
 3102 Erla Wy - \$370,000  
 1729 Esmond Av - \$320,000  
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 2942 Gilma Dr - \$330,000  
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 2325 McBryde Av - \$360,000  
 4105 McGlothen Wy - \$255,000  
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 16052 Carolyn St - \$375,000  
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 417 Dolores Av - \$450,000  
 15391 Elvina Dr - \$400,000

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## One potato, two potato

BY BUZZ BERTOLERO  
THE DIRT GARDENER

**Q.** I saw a gardening program where seed potatoes were being grown in a bag of potting soil. I would like to try but I can't remember the procedures and what was added to the soil. Can you outline how it is done and when is the best time to plant potatoes?

**A.** Potatoes are one of the easiest edible crops to grow and can be successfully grown above ground. They are available as early as December in some garden centers, area wide January through April and online year round.

There are several ways of growing potatoes above ground. In bags of potting soil is one method, you can also use an old, spare tire, or surround an area with basal blocks, railroad ties or rock.

Besides soil, you can use straw; however, it's not advisable in areas with warm temperatures. Select a sunny location.

Punch a number of evenly

spaced holes into bags of soil for drainage

Next, flip the bag over and slice the bag open length wise and make several evenly spaced perpendicular cuts. In all of the openings, I would mix two generous tablespoons of sulfate of potash in with the soil mix.

Next, plant the potato pieces two to three per lateral and one in between in the length-wise cut. To increase the yield or if your planting russet for baking potatoes, stack two or three bag on top of each other. The potatoes are ready for harvest about 180 days.

When the plants to begin flowering, cut the water in half. Stop water altogether when the foliage turns yellow/brown. No spading is necessary just slit the sides of the bags, pull up on the potato stems to expose the potato clusters, wash off the soil, remove the vegetation, air dry the potatoes and store in a cool spot.

By the way, growing potatoes is a great activity for kids.

## PIEDMONT

329 Olive Av - \$649,000  
 7 Requa Pl - \$1,175,000  
 12 York Dr - \$1,210,000

## RICHMOND

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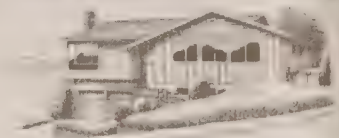
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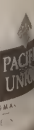
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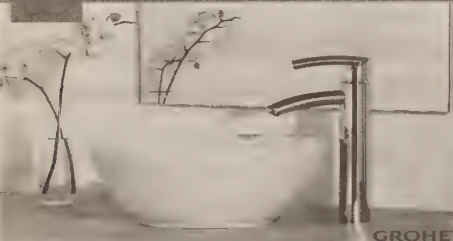
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4060 Brown Avenue, Oakland

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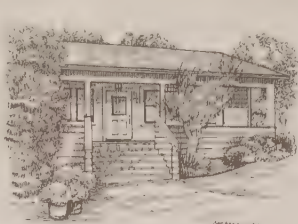


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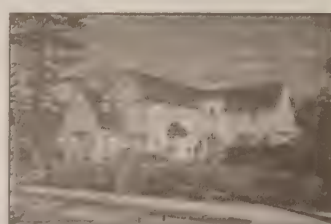
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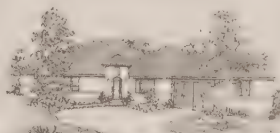
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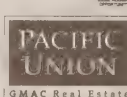


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**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$799,000**  
5653 MAXWELTON RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming, updated Mediterranean w/3BR/2.5BA. Formal dining room, remodeled kitchen w/breakfast nook. Over 9000 sq. ft. lot w/limestone patio, lawn & planting boxes. David Ichikawa x1331



**CRESTMONT \$699,000**  
545 WESTFIELD WAY (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Fabulous remodel w/open floor plan & sweeping bay views. 4BR/3BA. Lower level rec room opens to private, protected pool area. Close to shopping & commutes. Charlotte Boyle x1370



**OAKMORE \$679,000**  
2103 FUNSTON PL. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Traditional 4BR/2+BA w/bay views. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen opens to family room. Custom woodwork. Private outdoor living including patios & hot tub. Ann Nichols x1319

**PIEDMONT AVENUE \$549,000**  
1779 BRANDON ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Lovely 20's style home near Piedmont Ave. Updated kitchen w/O'Keefe & Merritt stoves, hardwood floors, built-ins, lovely windows. 2BR/1BA, detached garage, landscaped garden. Mary Monti x1350



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2 EASTWOOD CT. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming & stylish 3BR/1BA retreat. Large attractive deck, stonington remodeled kitchen, beautiful stone fireplace. Nancy Moore x1302

**SAN LEANDRO \$475,000**  
154 SUNNYSIDE DR. (Open 1-4)  
New Listing! 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath. Extra space. Large yard. Francis Heath x1357



**RICHMOND \$399,000**  
3717 ROOSEVELT AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Wonderful light-filled home. 3BR/1+BA, updated kitchen, rec room, great garden & attached garage. Spacious & light w/hardwood floors. Madalyn Mitchell x1385

**UPPER LAUREL \$399,000**  
4060 BROWN AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Wonderful light-filled home w/bay view. 2BR/1BA, hardwood floors, huge attic storage space, 1-car garage. Great yard w/fruit trees. Near shops, coffee & transportation. Cindy Houts x1364



**OAKLAND \$389,000**  
7559 VALENTINE ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming, bright 2BR/1BA bungalow w/deep wonderful yard & detached garage. Formal dining room. Hdwd flrs under carpet. Vicki Woodhead x1334

**FRUITVALE \$375,000**  
3006 LOGAN ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! 2BR/1BA cottage. Formal dining room, hardwood floors, updated kitchen. Separate studio. Park-like setting with Koi pond. Lee Jacobson x1309

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Magnificent Mediterranean w/SF views located on a very desirable street. Perfect for comfortable living & large scale entertaining. Exceptional architectural details. 7BR/6.5BA. Roselle Woods x1324

**PIEDMONT \$3,495,000**  
New price! Stately English Tudor with 4+bedrooms, 4+ baths, incredible architectural detail, library, family room & guest suite. Georgia Cornell x1325

**PIEDMONT \$2,650,000**  
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**NORTH BERKELEY \$1,650,000**  
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**CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,295,000**  
Near Piedmont border. Exquisite light-filled 4BR/3BA Tudor home. Lush gardens. Impeccably remodeled, spectacular architectural details. Leslie Avant x1341

**ROCKRIDGE \$985,000**  
Beautifully restored & updated 1914 traditional. Lovely architectural details. 4+BR/2.5BA, 2 bonus rooms, cook's kitchen, rebuilt garage, level yard. Ann Nichols x1319

**RIDGEMONT \$759,000**  
Sweeping SF/GG, bay views! All-level 3BR/2.5BA. Formal dining. Family rm w/vaulted ceiling, fireplace & wet bar. Spacious master suite. Many upgrades. Robyn Mohr x1310

**UPPER OAKMORE \$699,000**  
Beautifully remodeled 3BR/2BA home. Sophisticated style, high quality materials. SF views, gourmet kitchen, attached garage, Montclair schools, patio & yard. Donna Costella x1355

**MONTCLAIR LOT \$250,000**  
Over 1/4 acre lot w/wide frontage & a building pad on a quiet street. Possible bay view. Survey & soils report available. Wendy Gardner Ferrari x1303

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**PIEDMONT \$1,195,000**  
Two homes on one lot. Charming rebuilt 2BR/2.5BA w/family room, hdwd flrs, lots of light. Cozy 2BR/1BA cottage. French doors open to lovely patio & large private garden. Helen Danhahl x1356



**OAKLAND HILLS \$619,000**  
Classic Art Moderne home designed by Frederick Conner. Unique 4BR/2BA w/SF Oakland, bay views. Custom kitchen, 2 fireplaces, family room & skylights. Large lot w/mature landscaping. Diane Earl McCan x1352

**LAUREL \$375,000**  
Charming 1915' cottage on approx 14850sf lot. Cozy 2BR/1BA w/workshop in basement. Orchard in deep rear yard w/SF/bay views. Diane Earl McCan x1352



## Sales

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14737 Harold Av - \$305,000  
 1140 Jefferson St - \$382,000  
 441 Linnell Av - \$428,000  
 16956 Los Reyes - \$370,000  
 552 Mitchell Av - \$536,000  
 2231 Oceanside Wy - \$596,000  
 291 Stokes Av - \$308,000  
 1995 Sundberg Av - \$355,000  
 14490 Wiley St - \$425,000  
 16600 Winding Bl - \$330,000

## SAN LORENZO

458 Crespi Pl - \$441,500  
 475 Crespi Pl - \$418,500  
 481 Crespi Pl - \$393,500  
 533 Drew St - \$469,000  
 16193 Via Andeta - \$385,000  
 15809 Via Arroyo - \$415,000  
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 1624 Via Sarita - \$460,000

## By the numbers

TOTAL SALES: 13  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$329,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$895,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$495,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$528,962

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$315,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$525,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$420,000

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 10  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$389,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,050,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$565,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$723,800

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 1  
 PRICE: \$380,000

LOWEST PRICE: \$272,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$612,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$410,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$420,400

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TOTAL SALES: 5

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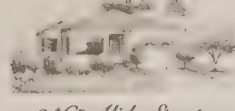
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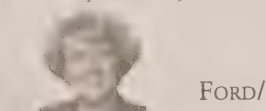
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 Jean Auka 524-9888 x16

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 Bill and Tracy x33 \$399,000

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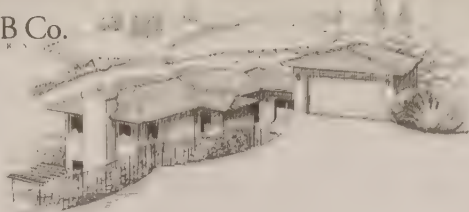
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 AVERAGE PRICE: \$452,288

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 LOWEST PRICE: \$649,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,210,000  
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 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,011,333

## REDWOOD

TOTAL SALES: 27  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$165,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$585,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$310,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$327,981

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 23  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$620,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$410,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$409,783

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 8

LOWEST PRICE: \$385,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$469,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$418,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$424,063

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## 6833 MOORE DRIVE

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## 373 4TH STREET #2A

\$595,000

Jack London Square. Spacious corner unit loft, full of light. 1850 sq. ft., one bedroom, one bath, luxuriously upgraded throughout. Tracy Butler 531-7000x232



## 145 BEVERLY

\$589,000

San Leandro-Broadmoor. Spacious Craftsman (26,000 sq. ft.) on marvelous level lot (10K sq. ft.) Refinished hardwood in liv. rm., din. rm. and three bedrooms. Large eat-in kitchen. Spacious recreation room. Carol Robbiano 531-7000x292

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## 3923 ELSTON AVENUE

\$549,000

Glenview. Sunny & bright 2-bedroom, one bath bungalow in desirable neighborhood. Private au pair/home office on lower level. Painted in & out, refinished hardwood floors. Close to schools, shops & restaurants. Nancy or Chris 531-7000x254



## 7320 NEY AVENUE

\$449,900

Oakland. Very well maintained four 2BD/1BA cottages with fabulous upside potential, lot behind also for sale. Owner prefers simultaneous sale. Pedram Karbassi 531-7000x290

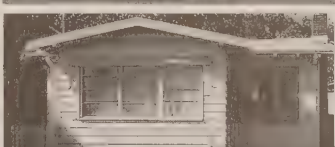


## 2754 KINGSLAND

\$419,000

Maxwell Park. Spacious 3BD/2BA, fresh paint in & out, new roof, gorgeous refinished hardwood floors, dining room w/built-in cabinets, lower level w/bonus rooms & 2nd bath has separate entrance, huge attic for storage! Kate Phillips 531-7000x228

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## 26 MURDOCK CT.

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Mills College. Inviting two bedroom cottage with plus room for office. Fireplace, hardwood floors. Eat-in kitchen. All appliances included. Large level yard. Cul-de-sac location. Large detached garage/workshop. Stan Hammond 531-7000x246



## 461 CENTRAL AVENUE

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## CHARMING TRADITIONAL HOME

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Oakland. On a clear day the Bay views sparkle from this 2BD/1BA home. Random plank hardwood adorns the living room & dining room. Hardwood in both bedrooms & tile in the bathroom. Laundry room just off kitchen. Long driveway for off-street parking & detached garage. Must see! Carol Robbiano 531-7000x292

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## TURNKEY APARTMENT BUILDING

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Oakland. 11 Units near Kaiser and Piedmont Avenue. Well maintained building, great condition. Anne Bruff 531-7006x283

INCOME PROPERTIES



## LAKE VIEW APARTMENTS

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## 4 UNIT BUILDING

\$590,000

Melrose. Nice four units in good area. Two bedrooms, two-one bedrooms. Large backyard. Electrical service upgrades. Michael Childress 531-7000x248

## LAND

## BEAUTIFUL OUTLOOK

## TO HILLS CITY &amp; BAY

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## 4786 SQ. FT. CONTIGUOUS LOT

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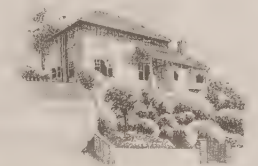
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**Claremont** \$1,650,000  
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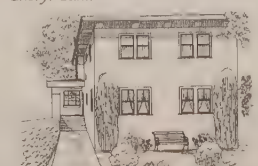
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52 Sharon Ave. Sun 2 - 5  
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**Oakland** \$860,000  
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Dplx: 3BR/1BA units. HWF in LR/DR; Lower: Kit/BA updates. Upper: Alcove, Deck, Lake views!

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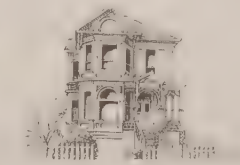


**Dimond District** \$639,000  
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3 BR 2 BA Renovated 1920's ranch on over 1/4 acre landscaped lot w/Bay vus! LR w/fpl, HWF; laundry.

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**Oakland** \$539,000  
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**Berkeley** \$480,000  
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**Oakland** \$399,950  
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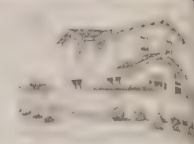
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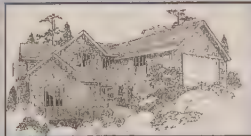


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# SPORTS

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Section C

## Who's on first? Probably the Bruins in the BSAL

### BSAL BASEBALL PREVIEW

the BSAL this year. St. Mary's looks to have a formidable group of returning players, too.

But that's not all. Albany loses some key players, but has others coming back who look to pick up the slack. John Swett appears strong again, and Salesian advanced to the North Coast Section Class A playoffs, too. But how will the Chieftains fare after the graduation of pitching ace Randy Renn?

Also, Piedmont had a down year in 2003. This year, the High-

landers' fortunes are anybody's guess. Some predict good things for the Highlanders, others mediocrity.

St. Mary's coach Andy Shimabukuro maybe sums up the league best: "Throw 'em in a hat and pick 'em out."

A team-by-team look at 2004 BSAL baseball:

#### Albany

- COACH: Jim Giblin, third year
- 2003 RECORD: 18-6, 12-4 BSAL
- TOP RETURNERS: P-1B Lou

Worth, Sr.; CF Eddie Izumizaki, Sr.; OF-P Phil Lightner, Sr.; OF Koti

Yiadom, Sr.; C Greg Johnson, Jr.

■ TOP NEWCOMERS: SS-P Jason Bennett, So.; 2B Zach Babitt, Fr.; P

Brian Nelson, Jr.; OF Fred Atkins, So

■ KEY LOSSES: C Ian Gordon, SS Matt Ball, 2B Robert Diaz, P Thomas

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■ OUTLOOK: The losses of players like 2002 BSAL MVP Gordon (now at

St. Mary's College) and 2003 league co-MVP Ball (now at University of

Hawaii) are huge. But the Cougars have talented and experienced players

in other positions this season. Giblin says his team is "in-between" at this

point. But Albany's in-between likely is better than that of other teams. Most

opposing coaches expect a top-four finish.

#### John Swett

■ COACH: Mike Leite, second season

■ 2003 RECORD: 18-6, 11-5

■ TOP RETURNERS: P-SS James Donahue, Jr.; 1B Kyle Blotzer, Sr.; OF-P T.J. Ratliff, Sr.; OF Andrew Johnson, Sr.

■ TOP NEWCOMERS: 2B-OF Jimmy Porter, Jr.; C Sammy Jimenez, Jr.; P-Uil Brandon Gillette, So

■ KEY LOSSES: SS Cole Adams, 2B Adam Carone, C-P Ricky Flores

■ OUTLOOK: The Indians don't have the pitching depth they've enjoyed in seasons past, but the defense has

been strong through the nonleague season. Leite believes his team will be in the hunt for a league title. A top-four finish is not out of the question

#### Kennedy

■ COACH: Nick Salibrici, second season

■ 2003 RECORD: 4-13, 3-13

■ TOP RETURNERS: 3B-P Paul Webster, Sr.; P-C Aaron Miles, Sr.

■ TOP NEWCOMERS: OF Melanjah Martin, Jr.; 2B Alonzo Cortez, So

■ KEY LOSSES: P Ryan Eleck, P-IF-C Tony Brandt, 3B Kevin Shields

■ OUTLOOK: Salibrici says the Eagles have the potential for a .500 season if

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## State title within their grasp



ANNIE CRANGLE, left, of Piedmont defends St. Mary's Nicole Thompson during their Division IV final.

■ Highlanders knock off the Panthers for the fifth time this season to advance to the championship game

By Bill Kruissink

STOCKTON — It's said that basketball is a game of peaks and valleys. If so, the Piedmont High School girls team found its peak at the right time.

Playing in the California Interscholastic Northern regional Division IV championship game at San Joaquin Delta College on Saturday, the Highlanders (31-2) struggled through some early valleys before defeating St. Mary's 46-38 to advance to the state championship game.

"I think that's what makes a good team — not playing well and still winning," said Piedmont's Ashley Paris, who paced her team with 16 points and 17 rebounds.

The victory was Piedmont's fifth straight over the Panthers (24-9) this season.

"Twenty-four and nine isn't too shabby," St. Mary's coach Sean Dulan said. "I just wish five losses weren't to Piedmont."

Still, in the early going, the Panthers seemed intent on breaking through against the Highlanders.

First, St. Mary's employed a zone defense that denied Piedmont's leading scorer Courtney Paris a basket for nearly 13 minutes. Two buckets by Nicole Thompson, who scored a team-high 14 points, and one basket by Natty Fripp gave the Panthers a 6-0 lead with 5:03 left in the first quarter.

"We knew what we had to do coming in," Thompson said. "Take away Courtney and force other girls to score."

Remarkably, the lead held for another two minutes — until Ashley Paris scored off a putback and hit a free throw to cut the lead in half with 3:07 to go in the first quarter. With 2:34 to go in the first, Annie Crangle knocked down the first of her three 3-



COURTNEY PARIS, left, of Piedmont defends St. Mary's Courtney Dunn. Paris scored 12 points and hauled down 15 rebounds for the Highlanders.

points to tie the game at 6-6. The Highlanders were crawling out of their valley.

It was all part of an 18-2 run that had Piedmont up 18-8 with 3:09 to go in the first half. A buzzer-beating jumper by Fripp made it 18-10.

"It was a slow game for both teams," Ashley Paris said. "But once we got in the flow, we started to score."

The teams exchanged baskets throughout the third period and right into the fourth. When Fripp scored off a pass from Thompson to narrow the gap to 40-34 with 4:16 left in the game, St. Mary's appeared poised to regain the lead.

It didn't happen. With 3:01 to go, Crangle slipped a loose ball to Courtney Paris, who scored off the offensive board and added a free throw for a 43-34 advantage.

Piedmont held on the rest of the way to win the title and avenge last year's loss to St. Mary's-Stockton on the same court. This will be the Highlanders' first appearance in a state championship game.

Courtney Paris wound up with 12 points and 15 rebounds as Piedmont outrebounded the Panthers 44-28. Courtney Dunn

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## Highlanders survive bad day on course

By Orlando Molina

Piedmont High School boys golf coach Tommy Scales was relieved knowing that the Highlanders' match with El Cerrito on Tuesday was only a nonleague encounter after witnessing his team shooting well over par.

The Highlanders won the match 239-275, but the win was of little consolation for Scales as his top player for the day, Eddie Newman, shot a 43 on the par 36 course at Mira Vista in El Cerrito.

"The course wasn't too good out there. Our guys were embarrassed out there," Scales said. "I asked two of my guys how they did and they said, 'Coach, we don't want to talk about it.'"

Earlier in the day, Scales shout a round on the same course. And like his players, he had a round worth forgetting.

"I double-bogeyed a few holes myself. I don't like to go over, I like to shoot low," he said.

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### BSAL NOTEBOOK

St. Mary's boys golf team couldn't afford to have anybody absent or tardy for Tuesday's league match with St. Joseph as the Panthers brought only five players to the Alameda South Golf Course in a narrow 216-220 win.

Panthers coach Phil Doran said the reason for the thin lineup had to do with St. Mary's Enrichment Week, which allows students to either travel around the country or abroad to perform religious based community services or visit colleges.

"I got kids all over the world," Doran laughed. Among those absent was No. 2 player Robin Saulsbury, who was visiting UC Santa Barbara.

Doran did retain the services of No. 1 player Dominic Calegari, who shot a 3-over-par 35.

OH, BROTHER: Calegari, takes over the St. Mary's top slot in place of his older brother Gio, who graduated last year and is attending Cal State Monterey Bay.

Dominic plays for the basketball team and stands roughly 6 feet 5 inches, two inches taller than his brother.

Doran said, "Dom is a taller

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## St. Patrick, Salesian appear to be the teams to beat yet again

■ Co-champions of a year ago should battle it out for supremacy in the BSAL with John Swett nipping at their heels

By Scott Strain

It's nearly impossible to rank the top two softball teams in the Bay Shore Athletic League.

St. Patrick, Salesian, Salesian, St. Patrick. Pick 'em.

The two teams were co-champions of the BSAL last year with 16-2 records, with John Swett right behind at 15-3. But according to St. Patrick coach Rich Gilotti, his Bruins split with the Indians and swept the Chieftains.

So give the nod to the Bruins.

"All our games with the top contenders were close," Gilotti said. "We sort of surprised some teams last season, but I'm looking forward to this one. It should be fun."

There is a definite top, middle and bottom to this league.

Holy Names has the returning MVP in pitcher Tamami Wells but has six new players — "new"

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as in have never played this type of competitive softball.

Piedmont lost eight seniors and has begun the season 1-5, but if coach Lenny Parker gets his team to jell, the Highlanders could scrape up a few wins.

St. Mary's could surprise a few people, but the team to watch out for may be Albany. Third-year coach Becky Hopkirk has some returning talent but needs a power pitcher to put it together.

#### Albany

■ COACH: Becky Hopkirk, third season

■ 2003 RECORD: 9-12 overall, 8-10 BSAL

■ TOP RETURNERS: 3B Danielle Moore, Sr.; 1B Lydia Raya, Sr.; P Sarah Dobjensky, So.; 2B Lexie

Cousens, So.; C/OF Sacha Maxwell, Sr.; P/C Leana Petri, So.; P Sydney

McIver, Sr.; OF Vicky Rohrer, Sr. SS Katie Lommen, Sr.

■ TOP NEWCOMERS: OF Hilary Shipley, Jr.; OF Amanda Hansen, So.; OF Julia Greenwood, So.

■ KEY LOSSES: OF Lisa Connolly, OF Lili Nelson, C/OF Elizabeth All

■ OUTLOOK: With six returnees, the Cougars have something to build on.

Hopkirk believes her team can finish in the top tier of the league. Albany will go as far as its pitching will take it.

#### Holy Names

■ COACH: Joe Taula, second season

■ 2003 RECORD: 15-7, 11-7

■ TOP RETURNERS: P Tamami Wells, Sr.; C Sarah DiSabatino, Sr.; 3B Portia Moore, Sr.

■ TOP NEWCOMERS: SS Erin Archer, So.; OF Alyssa Perez, Fr.; OF Danielle Lacy, Fr.

■ KEY LOSS: 2B Patti Archer

■ OUTLOOK: The Monarchs may have the top pitcher-catcher duo in the league in Wells and DiSabatino, but they will have seven new players, six of whom have never played this competitive level of softball. A championship run may be slim, but as Taula says, "We have to work hard."

And his new players? "There's nothing we can do but throw them out on the field and see what happens."

#### John Swett

■ COACH: Greg Soria, second season

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## Baseball

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they can play consistently on defense and score some runs." But it's going to take some work," Salibrici admits.

### Piedmont

■ **COACH:** Mike Humphries, 30th season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 10-13, 6-10  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** C Ryan Choi, Sr.; CF David Tovani, Sr.; SS Jon Cox, Jr.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** P-OF Mike Saenz, Fr.; OF-P Rick Reinger, So.; OF Ben Burg, Jr.  
 ■ **KEY LOSS:** P Nikhi Aurora  
 ■ **OUTLOOK:** Humphries says his team is in a rebuilding year. The upside for future seasons is huge. As for this year, a handful of returning players complements some up-and-coming talent. Some coaches expect the Highlanders to be a contender. Others see Piedmont as a middle-of-the-pack to lower echelon team. For sure, as Humphries predicts, it will be an interesting season for the Highlanders.

### St. Elizabeth

■ **COACH:** David Burke, first season

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player with a different approach. He has soft hands, and he might be better than (Gio). But I wouldn't tell his brother that."

**GOTCHA!** Still stinging from back-to-back losses at the hands of Ferndale in the North Coast Section Class A semifinal game the past two years, members of the Indians football team found a way to exact a small measure

■ **2003 RECORD:** 4-19, 0-16  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** P-C Nick Benavidez, Sr.; SS-P Orlando Crum, So.; IF-P Aaron Kingdom, So.; P-JF Matthew Marquez, Jr.; CF David Johnson, So.; 1B Jamil Cromartie, So.; OF David Madrigal, So.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** 3B Juan Casillas, So.; IF Gabriel Goliathe, So.; OF Max Whitaker, So.  
 ■ **KEY LOSS:** P Marcus Felentroy  
 ■ **OUTLOOK:** The Mustangs finished last in the BSAL last year despite the presence of Felentroy, who is now at the University of Texas. This year, Burke — an assistant under former coach Warren Winters — takes over a team that is very young. The Mustangs have 12 sophomores on their roster with just one junior and one senior. St. Elizabeth will try to move up a notch or two, but it's going to be hard.

### St. Joseph Notre Dame

■ **COACH:** Mark Palmore, first season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 10-14, 8-8  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** P-JF Marquis Fleming, Sr.; P-Util Dustin Chavez, Sr.; C Matt Dickinson, Jr.; SS Mark Almeida, Jr.; LP-P Zack Braband, So.; 1B-P Noah Mitchell, Sr.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** 2B-P Joe Republicano, Jr.; CF Nick Rivera, Jr.  
 ■ **KEY LOSS:** P Chad Freitas

■ **OUTLOOK:** In December, the team — the entire St. Joseph Notre Dame community, in fact — was stung by the sudden death of 24-year coach Ray Freitas. Palmore, though in his first year, is not a complete unknown. He is a coach for the Oakland Oaks youth program and has coached previously at San Leandro High. This year's Pilots are a small squad, just 11 players, whose major assets are defense and speed.  
 "I'm trying to get the kids to buy into my philosophy and approach," Palmore says. "But it's a fun group of kids. They work hard."  
 Palmore sees his team finishing with a better-than-.500 record. That should leave the Pilots somewhere in the middle of the standings.

### St. Mary's

■ **COACH:** Andy Shimabukuro, eighth season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 16-8-1, 11-5  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** P-JF Alex Jensen, Sr.; IF Andy Lawson, Jr.; OF Spencer Winton, Jr.; P Scott Tully, Jr.; C Dave McGuiness, Jr.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** IF Noah Ingram, So.; IF Ade Olanrewaju, So.  
 ■ **KEY LOSSES:** OF Peter McGuiness, OF Chris Morocco, P Tyler Nation  
 ■ **OUTLOOK:** On paper, the Panthers look to have a competitive team. The

battle for first place, Shimabukuro says, will come down to which team has the best second starting pitcher and the top reliever. Look for the Panthers to be a contender.

### St. Patrick

■ **COACH:** Josh Daniels, first season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 18-8, 12-4  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** P Brett Muratori, Sr.; SS Chris Galligan, Sr.; 2B Kyle Kesteloot, Sr.; C Andrew Altman, Sr.; 1B Derek Russell, Sr.; 3B Ed Blakeley, Jr.; P Andy Cordeiro, Jr.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** OF Vincenzo Pallotta, Sr.; Util John Ortello, Jr.; OF Brandon Matthews, Jr.; 3B Erik Garcia, Jr.; OF Darius Ball, So.  
 ■ **KEY LOSSES:** OF Pat O'Donnell, 1B-OF Will Dunlap, OF Jonathan Wilson, 3B Brandon Kitchen  
 ■ **OUTLOOK:** The Bruins appear to be loaded with talent. Muratori was the league's co-MVP last year, and the second starter, Cordeiro, was 4-0. In addition, the team returns its starting catcher, first baseman, second

baseman and shortstop. The outfield looks strong and Daniels — an assistant under former coach Kirby Altman last season, has added three assistants: a pitching coach, an infield coach and an outfield coach. The latter also doubles as a hitting coach. This team could — and should — go far.

### Salesian

■ **COACH:** Travis Tarchione, ninth season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 14-12, 9-7  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** 3B Dan Moresco, Jr.; RF Nick Farrell, Sr.; C Robert Van Looy, Sr.; 2B Chris Greer, Sr.; SS-P Dominic Barley, Sr.; P-SS Jordan Jackson, Jr.; P-1B Harris Bowman, Sr.; P-1B Robert Tujillo, Sr.; LF David Adams, Sr.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** CF Jake Haskell, Sr.; P-SS Daniel Alcaine, Fr.; OF Kyle Roach, So.  
 ■ **KEY LOSSES:** OF Kyle Bethel, P Randy Renn, OF Mike Ricchio  
 ■ **OUTLOOK:** The Chieftains have

## PREDICTA FINISH

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many returning players, tactical wisdom, most would team to have a good season. Tarchione cautions, though, of these players are no experience. A middle-of-the-pack team moves up a couple spots from its projected finish.

## Highlanders

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grabbed nine rebounds for St. Mary's.

**St. Mary's 50, Notre Dame-Salinas 48:** The unseeded Panthers (24-8) knocked off the host second-seeded Spirits (25-5) on Friday to advance to the championship game against Piedmont.

St. Mary's held a 45-30 lead entering the fourth quarter before holding off a strong Notre Dame charge. Natty Fripp connected on a free throw with approximately 4.8 seconds remaining to give the Panthers their final advantage. Notre Dame then got the ball inbound but didn't get a shot off.

Before Fripp's free throw, the Panthers were 1-for-11 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

"It was just inviting them to foul," St. Mary's co-coach Don Lawson said. "We stayed in the game with good defensive pressure."

St. Mary's bolted out to a 21-9 lead in the first quarter before holding a 33-22 halftime advantage.

"I thought we came out with intensity at the front end. We had a little complacency in the second quarter," Lawson said.

St. Mary's Shantrell Sneed led all scorers with 15 points. Fripp added 13 points for the Panthers.

**Laguna Creek 66, Berkeley 61:** The game was there for the taking for Berkeley.

The fans knew it. The players knew it. Even Laguna Creek coach Glenn Mayol knew it.

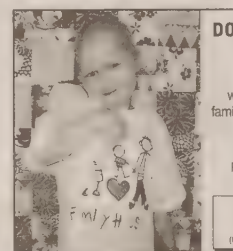
Despite being down 16 points

in the second quarter of last Thursday night's CIF Division I semifinal game, the Yellow Jackets dug deep and cut the deficit to one in the fourth quarter, only to fall 66-61 in Berkeley. The No. 3 Cardinals lost to top-seeded Oakland Tech in the NorCal final on Saturday at Arco Arena.

Guard Shavajia James capped a 10-0 Berkeley run by completing a three-point play to cut the deficit to 60-59 with 2:44 left in the game. But the No. 2 seed Yellow Jackets' inability to stop Laguna Creek's dribble penetration down the stretch did them in. Anna Penada drove into the key and hit a short jumper, and Jessica Wilson scored on a finger roll to put the Cardinals up 64-59 with 1:47 to go.

Wilson led all scorers with 28 points.

"We were allowing way too much penetration and not picking people up," Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura said. "We got it down to one, and I thought we had them. This was a great season. The whole thing is about growth, and this team made great progress. We have a lot of character. I'm unhappy we lost, but we did well. I



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4-0 start before a 7-6 loss to Redwood-Larkspur on Tuesday.

"It's basically a carry-over from last year," said Pinole Valley coach Gary Torres about his team's fast start. "We have basically the whole team back."

The Spartans return seven starters from last year's squad. Pinole Valley has a formidable

sophomore pitching tandem of Danielle Mason and Janna Dias, a transfer from De Anza. Mason is 2-1 and Dias is 2-0.

Jenna Peters has been pounding the ball for Pinole Valley. The senior catcher is 7-for-10 in the last four games with five RBI.

One of the Spartans' victories this season is over Alhambra, the team that beat Pinole Valley in the quarterfinals of the NCS 2A East Bay playoffs last season. Dias hurled a four-

hit shutout in the Spartans' 1-0 victory over the Bulldogs on March 11. Melinda Lozenski had the game-winning RBI.

"They have kept their composure in close games," Torres said about his team.

Pinole Valley played their first five games in a seven-day period between March 10 and March 16.

"I think we will only get better right now with practice," Torres said.

Raine, Fr.; OF Nikki Rodrigues, Fr.; P/INF Samantha Bond, Fr.

■ **KEY LOSS:** SS Bethany Clarke  
 ■ **OUTLOOK:** It's hard to tell how good the Chieftains are this year because they've been rained out of almost all of their games. But as long as Donnelly can pitch and Dolores Bonds can coach, Salesian will continue to be a factor in the league. Seven players return from a team that went 17-5 and was co-champion with St. Patrick last season. Arielle Salvador hurt her thumb playing basketball and is slowly on the mend.

### St. Elizabeth

■ **COACH:** Dwayne Hornage, second season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 2-14 BSAL  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** C Bryana McBride, Sr.; SS Krista Benavides, Jr.; CF Andrea Inouye, Sr.; 1B Claudia Gomez, So.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** 2B Rosini Gomez, So.; LF Nicole Hornage, Sr.  
 ■ **KEY LOSS:** C Gabby Cajina  
 ■ **OUTLOOK:** The Mustangs can hit but are lacking in defense and pitching. The team took a big hit with the graduation of all-league catcher Cajina. Most of the players are new to the sport. "If we win a couple of games, we'll be happy," Hornage said.

### St. Mary's

■ **COACH:** Mike Sommers, fourth season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 7-14, 7-11  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** 1B Nettie Hubbard, Jr.; 3B Audrey Boreani, Sr.;

P/OF Jenna Starkey, So.; 2B Emma Riley, So.; SS Margo Winton, So.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** P Bijou Felder, Fr.; C Paige Freiburger, Fr.; OF Jenna Nation, Fr.; OF Erin Woulfe, So.  
 ■ **KEY LOSSES:** P Casey Henderson, 1B Melissa Karahash, C Allison Bennett, 3B/P Rosie Cote

■ **OUTLOOK:** Sommers feels the Panthers will be a fairly competitive team. "We should finish in the middle (of the BSAL)," he said, "but I'm hoping we can surprise some people." St. Mary's has a good nucleus in Boreani, Starkey and Winton. If the Panthers can get some help from the newcomers, they could surprise a few teams.

### St. Patrick

■ **COACH:** Rich Gilotti, fourth season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 21-5, 16-2  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** P Courtney Perretto, So.; C Janica Blakely, So.; RF Kristina Branch, Sr.; CF Sarah Gilotti, Sr.; SS Katie Monahan, Sr.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** 1B Kara Chiono, Jr.; 2B Mallorie Wilson, Fr.; OF Jacqueline Domecus, Fr.  
 ■ **KEY LOSSES:** SS Jennifer Davis, 3B Angela DeCarlo, CF Cynthia Rayo, 1B Colleen Clark  
 ■ **OUTLOOK:** The Bruins lost a lot of seniors last season, but most opposing coaches like St. Patrick's chances. The Bruins have defeated Tomales and El Cerrito and lost to Marin Catholic in nonleague games. "We should be right up there with Salesian and John Swett," Gilotti said, "We have the talent."

## Softball

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■ **2003 RECORD:** 17-4, 15-3  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** P/2B Candace Myers, Jr.; OF Kim Byrne, Jr.; C Danielle Dutka, Sr.; SS/1B Simone Soria, Jr.; P Monica Silversen, Sr.; P Kelli Bailey, So.

■ **TOP NEWCOMER:** OF Courtney Palapas, Fr.

■ **KEY LOSS:** 1B Niki Byrne

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Indians lost a 1-0 extra-inning game to Salesian in their first league game last year and played catch-up the rest of the season. With six returnees from a 15-3 squad, coach Soria again believes his team will battle Salesian and St. Patrick for the top spot. "We only lost one senior, and we have all our pitchers back," he said, "but we need a fast start."

### Kennedy

■ **COACH:** Kizzie Spencer, first season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 0-11 BSAL  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEE:** 2B Angelina Fraget, Sr.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** 3B Sherall Duncan, Jr.; SS Dana Thomas, So.  
 ■ **KEY LOSSES:** N/A  
 ■ **OUTLOOK:** Spencer comes to the Kennedy program from De Anza, where she coached two years of junior varsity softball and one of varsity. "I understand (Kennedy) won one (nonleague) game last year," she said. "This year we're hoping for two or three (wins)."

### Piedmont

■ **COACH:** Lenny Parker, 10th season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 11-11, 11-7  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** C Sally Peterson, Jr.; SS Sally Baker, So.; 1B Anna Berger, So.; P Gail Fitzsimmons, Sr.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** OF Jamie Albers, Fr.; OF Eva Bassett, Fr.; P Jessica Bixby, Fr.; 3B Sophie Coyish, Fr.; OF Joanne Fong, Fr.; INF Katherine Gunley, Fr.; OF Allison Shuster, Fr.  
 ■ **KEY LOSSES:** 1B Maggie Hall, P/INF Monica Linzer, OF Erika Tietjen, CF/P Maggie Hall, C Jennifer Woo, INF Caitlin Lyman, INF Molly Wooster  
 ■ **OUTLOOK:** Look at those seven freshmen in top newcomers. That's the real potential of this team. Look at the key losses — all seven of them. That's the real downside. The Highlanders have started 1-5 this season, losing to Campolindo, Berean Christian, Alhambra, Moreau Catholic and Acacianes — all heavyweights. If non-league toughening is what Piedmont needs, the Highlanders have had it. They're probably a year away.

### Salesian

■ **COACH:** Dolores Bonds, 14th season  
 ■ **2003 RECORD:** 17-5, 16-2  
 ■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** P Allison Donnelly, Jr.; SS Sarah Volsey, Jr.; 1B Tiffany Spradlin, Jr.; 3B Stephanie Kioski, So.; OF Erin Turner, Jr.; OF Andrea Salvador, Sr.; OF Arielle Salvador, Sr.  
 ■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** C Christina

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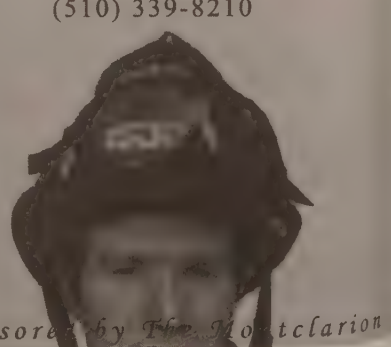
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## CODY BANKS 2: DESTINATION

**CODY BANKS 2: DESTINATION** (PG-13) In this sequel, Cody Banks (Muniz) is dispatched to locate a mysterious mind-bender before the bad guys immerse the teen of world leaders. James Bond caper seems to be at a very young audience, but the director downplays with a half-dozen bad guys of whom leaves a lot of room for company. Still, the much nastiness and threat that it doesn't seem ap- for them, either. — N. (PG: action violence and humor) 1 hour, 33 min-

## BARBARIAN INVASIONS:

**BARBARIAN INVASIONS:** This sci-fi drama about attempting to save one of life has writer-actors Arcand's trademark bit of the film's energy (Remy Girard), a professor of history now dying of disease in a hellish Montreal hospital. Remy Girard, who sees the humanity, but most of all, he is about his son Se- (Stephane Rousseau). This sequel-winner is the sequel to "The Decline of the American" (K. Turan, (R: language, drugs and drug content), 1 hr, 33 min. B+

## BISHOP 2: BACK IN BUSINESS

**BISHOP 2: BACK IN BUSINESS** (PG-13) In this sequel to 2002's anti-terrorist incendiary work- drama, economic politics play a bigger role. Happily resigned as his father's place a going (ice Cube) is initially to see a shiny new mini-mall

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## OPENING TODAY

## "THE CODE (LA MENTALE)" (NR)

A man returns to a quiet life with his fiancé after four years in prison, only to be lured into one more heist.

## "DAWN OF THE DEAD" (R)

Sarah Polley and Ving Rhames star in this re-imagining of George Romero's apocalyptic zombie horror classic.

## "ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND" (R)

Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet star in this film about love and memory; scripted by Charlie Kaufman ("Adaptation").

## "LOVE OBJECT" (NR)

going up across the street. But when the mall's anchor store turns out to be a state-of-the-art chain-styling emporium, he and the gang realize they're in a fight for survival. The focus, quite rightly, is on Calvin and Cedric the Entertainer's Eddie. Constantly engaged and intelligent, this sequel is anything but business as usual. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: language, violence.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B

"CONFESSIONS OF A TEENAGE DRAMA QUEEN": Despite earnest performances from Lindsay Lohan and her teen co-stars, a painfully unfunny affair dolled up with hip fashions and a large music budget. Lohan plays Lola, a die-hard Manhattanite who moves to New Jersey with her mom and twin sisters. The class princess and her gang of hares set out to undermine her. — D. Germain. (PG: mild thematic elements, brief language.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. D+

## "DIRTY DANCING: HAVANA NIGHTS"

"DIRTY DANCING: HAVANA NIGHTS": A "reimagining" of the original "Dirty Dancing," starring Diego Luna and Romola Garai and set in 1958 Cuba. She's an affluent American who hangs out at a fancy hotel; he's a Cuban fellow who waits tables there. This couple, Katey and Javier, must meet on the fly, away from the protective eyes of her parents and the snobish (even racist) eyes of her peers. Their forbidden relationship turns out to be about such lofty abstractions as supporting the art of the dance and fighting snobbery. Fine sentiments, but where's the heat? This film's too noble to get down and dirty. — J. Boyar. (PG-13: sensuality.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B

## "THE DREAMERS"

"THE DREAMERS": Bernardo Bertolucci will soon be 64, but this NC-17-rated film seems like the sex fantasies of a college student with a bong.

The twisted tale of a socially insecure tech writer who becomes obsessed with an anatomically correct sex doll.

## "THE RECKONING" (R)

A murder mystery set in the Middle Ages, but with modern themes about evil, justice and the power of art.

## "TAKING LIVES" (R)

Angelina Jolie plays an FBI profiler trying to find a serial killer she thinks is stealing victims' identities. With Ethan Hawke and Kiefer Sutherland.

## "THE TRACKER" (NR)

David Guillaill ("Rabbit-Proof Fence") stars in this tale about a manhunt through the Australian outback in 1922.

Set in Paris during the 1968 riots, it focuses less on politics than the sexual envelope-pushing of its three young, gorgeous protagonists. Quasi-necrotic, even. Dresses up sex as high art, with disposable intellectualism. — M. Pols. (NC-17: explicit sexual content.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. C-

"EUROTRIP": The pick of the year so far for the late-teen, early-twenty-something gross-out crowd, piling on unsightly gags about S&M sexual aids and nude beaches overrun by homely men. The thin story line centers on Scotty, who rebuffs a cyber-porn from his German e-mail pen pal, Mieke, thinking it's a homosexual advance. Too late, Scotty learns that "Mieke" is a girl's name and that this is the babe of his dreams. With the help of a few friends, he sets out to Berlin to find her. — D. Germain. (R: sexuality, nudity, language and drug-alcohol content.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. C

## "50 FIRST DATES"

"50 FIRST DATES": Adam Sandler plays Henry, a marine-park veterinarian who falls hopelessly in love with Lucy (Drew Barrymore), an art teacher who suffers short-term memory loss. Each day, Lucy's recall is wiped clean, so Henry must win her back over and over. At times so sweet, you'll wish the comedy relief weren't so drawn out and crude; and Henry's profession is but an elaborate excuse for the Manne World equivalent of sex and flatulence jokes. — G. Lovell. (PG-13: sex, language, crude humor.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B-

## "THE FOG OF WAR"

"THE FOG OF WAR": Errol Morris' Oscar-winning documentary about the life lessons learned by Robert S. McNamara, former secretary of Defense for JFK and LBJ, from his involvement in World War II and the Vietnam War. Begs more questions than it answers,

and don't expect an apology from McNamara, who is still cagey. Make no mistake: He's in charge, not Morris. But the film is of obvious interest, and in these uncertain times, the lessons McNamara gleaned in hindsight are of piercing relevance. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some scenes of violence.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B+

## "GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING"

An art history mystery about the imagined origins of a painting by 17th-century Dutch master Vermeer, the titular "Girl With a Pearl Earring." Based on the novel by Tracy Chevalier, the film suggests that the unknown model was a maid in the Vermeer household, a lovely young thing named Griet (Scarlett Johansson) whom the married Vermeer (Colin Firth) had some deep connection with. Composed of many moments of the two staring silently at each other, the movie is as beautiful to look at as Vermeer, thanks to cinematographer Eduardo Serra, but it is also stupefying, pretentious swill. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual content.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. D+

## "GOOD BYE, LENINI!"

"GOOD BYE, LENINI!": This film is funny but not a comedy, serious but never overbearing, emotional in an engaging and bittersweet way. Right before the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989, Alex's socialist mother, Christine, falls into a coma, sleeping through the biggest eight months in modern German history. When she does wake up, the doctor warns that excitement could be life-threatening. Determined to protect her, Alex devotes most of his waking hours to re-creating the gone world of East Germany for his bedridden mother. — K. Turan. (R: brief language, sexuality, in German with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. A

## "GREENDALE"

"GREENDALE": Neil Young has turned his self-described musical novel "Greendale" into an unapologetically personal and passionately political film that brings the album to life in a way that transcends the traditional long-form music video. The contrast of Young's sweet, comforting warble and the occasional screech and twang of his music is echoed in the vibrantly colorful home-movie feel of what is on screen. By the time "Greendale" reaches its rousing crescendo with the anthem "Be the Rain," Young has crafted one genuinely tasty slice of Americana. — K. Crust. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 12 minutes. A-

## "HIDALGO"

"HIDALGO": Viggo Mortensen stars in this Disney Western about a man, a Bedouin princess, a femme fatale, a painted horse and a race across 3,000 miles of Arabian desert, circa 1890. He's Frank T. Hopkins, a U.S. Cavalry courier and long-distance horse racer rescued from a life of touring with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show by sheiks

with an eye for competition. Omar Sharif makes a plausible sheik, and Mortensen, who underplays his role, looks great on horseback. But the generic evil Arabs, princess and others fail to impress. — R. Moore. (PG-13: adventure violence, some mild innuendo.) 2 hour, 16 minutes. C

## "HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG"

"HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG": An adaptation of Andre Dubus III's best-selling novel. His plot, a contemporary American tragedy centered on a real estate squabble between a former drug addict wrongfully evicted from her house (Jennifer Connelly) and the Iranian immigrant who buys it on auction (Ben Kingsley) had the germ of genius, but the execution hovered in the realm of melodrama. Thankfully, Vadim Perelman's devastatingly somber movie spares us the weak writing, tones down the hysteria somewhat and features some of the best performances of the year from Kingsley, Connelly and Shohreh Aghdashloo. No one is completely sympathetic and the story is as bleak as can be, but it's worth it. — M. Pols. (R: some violence/disturbing images, language and a scene of sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. A-

## "IN AMERICA"

"IN AMERICA": This film by Jim Sheridan ("My Left Foot") is short to look like as if we're reliving family history. An Irish family relocates in a rundown Manhattan apartment, escaping tragedy back home (the death of another child). Inspired by real-life events in Sheridan's life, with glowing performances (including Djimon Hounsou as a neighbor), we forgive its excesses, won over by the gentle nostalgia. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexuality, drug references, brief violence and language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B+

## "KITCHEN STORIES"

"KITCHEN STORIES": Subversively funny film set in the 1950s about a crack team of Swedish kitchen scientists sent across the border to investigate and improve the lives of cranky Norwegian bachelor farmers. — B. Strauss. (Not rated; in Norwegian and Swedish with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B+

## "LA MENTALE (THE CODE)"

"LA MENTALE (THE CODE)": Chris (Samuel Le Bihan) is a rugged, charismatic man whose virile image masks a weak character. Out of prison and promising his loyal wife to go straight, he takes a mental job loading trucks, but is dogged by his cousin, who is determined to become a kingpin in the Paris underworld and believes he needs Dr. to pull off an elaborate and lucrative heist. The filmmakers bring alive a shadowy, ultraviolet world of racy clubs, dark alleys and ever-shifting underworld alliances and rivalries. — K. Thomas. (R: strong violence, language and sexuality; in French, with subtitles.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B+

## "THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING"

"THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING": Director Peter Jackson's magnificent finale to the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy reminds us of the magic possible in filmmaking. The journey into Mordor continues, simultaneously with the defense of Gondor against the Orc army. Standout performances include Sean Astin as Samwise Gamgee, Miranda Otto's woman warrior and Viggo Mortensen as Aragorn, whose rallying cry in battle makes you want to throw down your popcorn, pick up a sword and rush the screen to help. An epic, a masterpiece, a treasure. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense battle sequences, frightening images.) 3 hours, 21 minutes. A

## "LOST IN TRANSLATION"

"LOST IN TRANSLATION": Everything about writer-director Sofia Coppola's wry and wishful film is lovely, and that includes, of all things, the presence and performance of Bill Murray. He plays an aging American actor in Tokyo to film commercials for a Japanese whiskey. Bored, depressed about his lousy marriage and jet-lagged, he meets a young American woman (Scarlett Johansson) who has accompanied her photographer husband (Giovanni Ribisi) to Japan. They end up wandering Tokyo together, developing a fleeting but intense friendship. Murray is at his absolute best, and Coppola proves she's a director to watch. — M. Pols. (R: some sexual

content.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. A

## "MASTER AND COMMANDER: THE FAR SIDE OF THE WORLD"

"MASTER AND COMMANDER: THE FAR SIDE OF THE WORLD": From director Peter Weir, a beautiful and brawny rendition of Patrick O'Brian's tales of friendship and adventure on the high seas in the early 19th century. A British war ship pursues a high-tech (for the times) French ship from Brazil to the Galapagos Islands. Russell Crowe makes an able Captain Jack Aubrey and Paul Bettany an endearing Stephen Maturin, the ship's surgeon, a pacifist and Jack's best friend. The action sequences are first-rate, and the tender affection between the men aboard is something rarely seen in movies. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense battle sequences, related images and brief language.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. A-

## "MIRACLE"

"MIRACLE": The perennially underappreciated Kurt Russell gives an assured, intelligent performance as coach Herb Brooks in this well-made film about the 1980 Olympic gold-medal-winning U.S. hockey team. Director Gavin O'Connor sensibly cast real hockey players, recruited from colleges and some pro teams. As a result, the on-ice action feels genuinely exciting. — M. Pols. (PG: language and some rough sports action.) 2 hours, 16 minutes. B+

## "MONSIEUR IBRAHIM"

"MONSIEUR IBRAHIM": Omar Sharif returns to the screen in one of the richest roles of his 50-year career. Ibrahim is a Turkish-born Muslim, an unpretentious grocer rich in spirit rather than material wealth. The film initially focuses on Momo (Pierre Boulanger), a Jewish teenager who lives nearby with his rigid and hypocritical father. A father-and-son bond eventually grows between Ibrahim and Momo as Momo's relationship with his actual father deteriorates. — K. Thomas. (R: some sexual content; in French and Turkish with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B+

## "MONSTER"

"MONSTER": Charize Theron pulls off the year's most astounding screen makeover as Aileen Wuornos, the notorious Florida murderer. Director Patty Jenkins uncovers the lost, love-starved child covering under the killer's hard shell. Wuornos, who confessed to murdering six men in the late 1980s and early '90s, died in the electric chair in 2002. By the time the movie begins, Wuornos has plied her trade for years as a hitchhiking low-rent prostitute working the highways of central Florida. The film focuses on her desperate, last-ditch relationship with Seabury Walk (Christina Ricci), the lesbian lover who ended up testifying against her. — S. Holden. (R: graphic rape scene, several murders and abundant profanity.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. B+

## "MYSTIC RIVER"

"MYSTIC RIVER": There are many reasons to admire this dark drama, from the remarkable level of acting talent to the maturity and measured elegance of Clint Eastwood's direction. The film stimulates its audience like a classic old-fashioned mystery, the tension building to almost painful levels. Two tragedies lie at its heart, with breakout performances by Sean Penn and Tim Robbins as childhood friends forever shaped by ominous events. — M. Pols. (R: language, violence.) 2 hours, 17 minutes. A-

## "OSAMA"

"OSAMA": This fictional Afghan film takes place sometime before U.S. bombs began falling on Kabul, when the Taliban was ravaging the country. It recounts the twisted story of a 12-year-old girl forced into male disguise in order to work to feed herself, her mother and grandmother, and that of Afghan women whose right to exist was all but denied in the name of God. Raw and wretchedly current, it packs a cruel emotional wallop. — M. Dargis. (PG-13: mature thematic elements.) 1 hour, 22 minutes. B+

## "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"

"THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST": Mel Gibson directed and co-wrote this literal — and relentlessly brutal — retelling of the last 12 hours of Jesus' life. Although deeply intense and at times moving, the film is so violent, it

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## Rheem Theatre

350 Park St. Moraga 925-988-3411  
●Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) 5, 7, 40.  
●In America (PG-13) 9:45.  
●Secret Window (PG-13) 5:10, 7:20, 9:30.  
●Stargate & Hutch (PG-13) 4:50, 7:20, 9:20.  
●Taking Lives (R) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40.

## West Coast Cinema

## Century 16 Hilltop

3200 Alameda Way, Richmond 510-758-2345  
●50 First Dates (PG-13) 11:50, 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45.  
●Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35.  
●Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) 12:45, 3:10, 5:20.  
●Dawn of the Dead (R) 11:25, 11:55, 12:30, 1:45, 2:20, 3:45, 4:40, 5:30, 6:25, 7:10, 8:45, 9:30.  
●Dirty Dancing Havana Nights (PG-13) 10.  
●Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45.  
●Hidalgo (PG-13) 1:05, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20.  
●The Passion of the Christ (R) 11:40, 12:10, 2:35, 4:05, 5:30, 7:25, 9:55.  
●Secret Window (PG-13) 11:40, 1:15, 2:15, 3:40, 4:55, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30.  
●Spartan (R) 7:40, 10:15.  
●Stargate & Hutch (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10.  
●Taking Lives (R) 11:30, 12:40, 2:30, 4:05, 5:35, 7:10, 8:30, 10:25.  
●Twisted (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50.

## San Francisco

## AMC Van Ness 14

1000 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-922-4262  
●50 First Dates (PG-13) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40.  
●Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) 1:30, 4:25, 7.  
●Dawn of the Dead (R) 2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30.  
●Dirty Dancing Havana Nights (PG-13) 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:15.  
●Eurotrip (R) 9:35.  
●Hidalgo (PG-13) 12:30, 3:40, 6:50, 10.  
●The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) 1:05, 5:05, 9:05.  
●Lost in Translation (R) 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45.  
●Secret Window (PG-13) 1:55, 2:25, 5:15, 5:45, 7:50, 8:20, 10:25, 10:55.  
●Stargate & Hutch (PG-13) 1:50, 2:20, 4:30, 5, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20.  
●Taking Lives (R) 2:30, 5:20, 8, 10:40.  
●Twisted (R) 1:20, 6:25, 7:45, 10:15.

## AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post St., San Francisco 415-931-9800  
●Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30.  
●Dawn of the Dead (R) 12:30, 3:05, 5:30, 8:15, 10:40.  
●Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8, 10:30.  
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●Miracle (PG) 10:15.  
●The Passion of the Christ (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10.  
●Secret Window (PG-13) 12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:40, 10.  
●Stargate & Hutch (PG-13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10.

## Bridge Theatre

3010 Gentry Blvd., San Francisco 415-751-3213  
●Spartan (R) 2, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45.

## Clay Theatre

2251 Filmore St., San Francisco 415-346-1124  
●Monsieur Ibrahim (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7, 9:20.

## Embarcadero Center Cinemas

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0835  
●21 Grams (R) 1:10, 4, 6:50, 9:40.  
●The Fog of War (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:30.  
●Good bye, Lenin! (R) 1, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50.  
●Monster (R) 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 10.  
●The Triplets of Belleville (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:30, 10:10.

## Lumiere Theatre

1572 California St., San Francisco 415-885-3201  
●The Dreamers (NC-17) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10.  
●The Reckoning (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45.  
●Touching the Void (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.  
●Opera Plaza Cinema  
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-771-0183  
●La Mentale The Code (Not Rated) 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20.  
●Love Object (Not Rated) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40.  
●Mystic River (R) 2:15, 5:10, 8:30.  
●Osama (PG-13) 2, 4:45, 7, 9:30.

## Loews IMAX Theatre

101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6201  
●NASCAR 3D: The IMAX Experience (Not Rated) 12, 2:40, 4:10, 5:40, 7:10, 8:30, 10, 11:30.  
●The Young Black Stallion (G) 10:30, 2:40.  
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●Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 9:50, 10:40, 12:20.  
●The Girl Next Door (R) 7.  
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●Taking Lives (R) 11:10, 12:50, 2, 3:40, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20, 12:10.

## United Artists Galaxy 4

1285 Sutter St., San Francisco 415-474-8790  
●The Barbarian Invasions (R) 4:15, 9:30.  
●Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30.  
●Girl With a Pearl Earring (PG-13) 7:45, 10.  
●In America (PG-13) 1:30, 7:15.  
●The Passion of the Christ (R) 12:15, 1, 2:45, 4, 5:15, 7, 9:45.

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ultimately pushes the viewer away and squanders its opportunity to enlighten. The best scenes are between Mary and her son, when Gibson backs off and lets the humanity shine through.

— K. Hershenson. (R: intense graphic violence.) 2 hours, 30 minutes. C

"SECRET WINDOW": Johnny Depp stars in an adaptation of a Stephen King novella as Mort Rainey, an author of thrillers with a terrible case of writer's block. Complicating matters is the sudden appearance at his isolated cabin of a stalker named John Shooter (John Turturro), who accuses Rainey of stealing one of his stories and changing its ending. All Shooter wants, he says, is to fix the ending and have the story republished under his name. However, trouble is all that Rainey gets from Shooter's sporadic, unexpected and threatening appearances. — J. Baltake. (PG-13: violence/terror, sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B

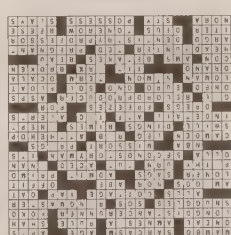
"SPARTAN": David Mamet doesn't direct movies, he holds graduate tutorials on moviemaking. In this one, he tries to deconstruct such genre staples as "Marathon Man" and "To Live and Die in L.A." Sometimes it works; sometimes it seems like Mickey Mouse machismo. Val Kilmer stars as a rogue agent trying to find the president's daughter, who may have been kidnapped by white slavers. The twist: The Prez's advisers don't want her

back. — G. Lovell. (R: violence, profanity.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C+

"STARSKY & HUTCH": Not so much a movie version of the 1970s buddy-cop TV show as it is "Zoolander" with guns. While investigating a murder, Starsky (Ben Stiller) and Hutch (Owen Wilson) begin to suspect a wealthy drug kingpin (Vince Vaughn). Really, the case is an excuse for the pair to play dress-up as they go undercover. With Snoop Dogg as informant Huggy Bear. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: drug content, sexual situations, partial nudity, language and some violence.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. C

"THE STATION AGENT": A reticent dwarf, a grieving mother and a chatty hot-dog vendor walk into a bar. Actually, they drink beer on a porch. Sounds like a joke setup, but it's the premise of this small film bursting with insightful humor, unforced poignancy and beautifully drawn characters. — C. Lemire. (R: language, some drug content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

"TOUCHING THE VOID": Two



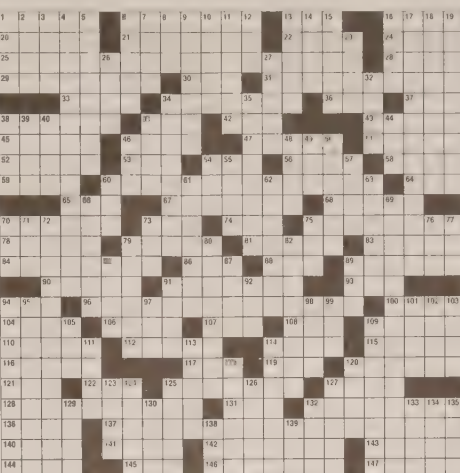
climbers go up a mountain in Peru. One breaks his leg and must be lowered by his partner. When the rope leaves the injured man dangling helpless and hopeless over a crevasse, his partner makes the decision to cut the rope to save his own life. This compelling documentary, featuring interviews with the survivors and re-creations of the climb using actors, is agonizingly suspenseful, even though we know the remarkable outcome. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B+

"THE TRIPLETS OF BELLEVILLE": The film's two lines of intelligible dialogue have been dubbed into English. Its sensibility, however, remains irreducibly French. The overture is a black-and-white spectacle: naughty, exuberant and a little creepy. It introduces the Triplets of the title, a trio of gangly, cloche-wearing scat singers. The story is too bizarre and wonderful to summarize, but it winds up in Belleville, a Manhattan-like dream city.

— A.O. Scott. (PG-13: some violent and frightening scenes.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. A

"21 GRAMS": Like Mexican director Gonzalez Inarritu's last film, "Amores Perros," this one is about the ways tragedy (in this case a car accident) creates an unstoppable emotional maelstrom for those involved. Its arty, choppy style distracts from the truth: that the film is permeated with melodrama and not as deep as it seems. Sean Penn is great in the lead, but better in "Mystic River." — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality, some violence and drug use.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. B-

"TWISTED": Newly promoted homicide investigator Jessica Shepard (Ashley Judd) is one twisted sister. Her father had been a near-legendary cop before going on a killing spree that ended with her mother's death and his suicide. Her first case involves a serial killer whose victims all happen to be her former bed partners, and as evi-



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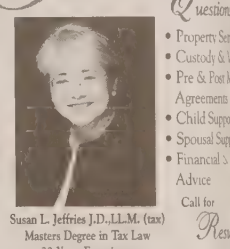
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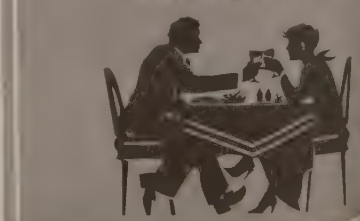
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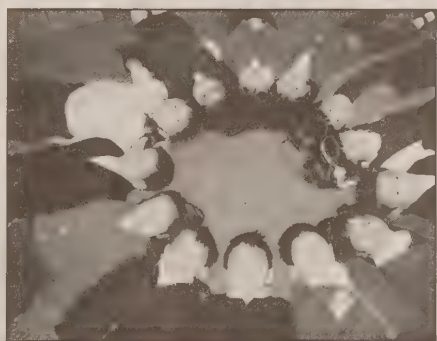
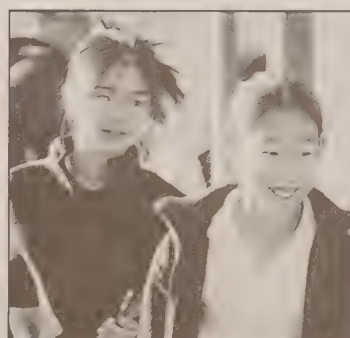


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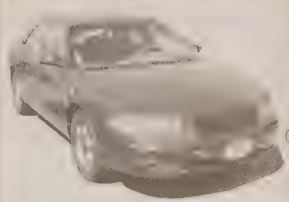


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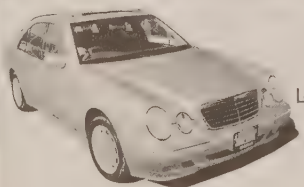
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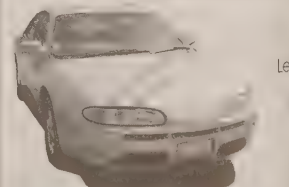
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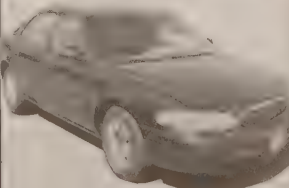
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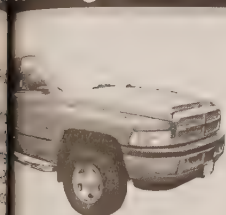
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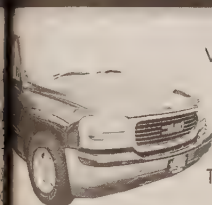
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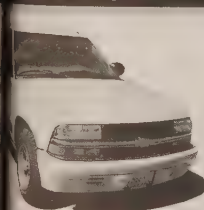
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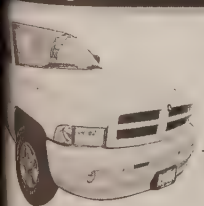
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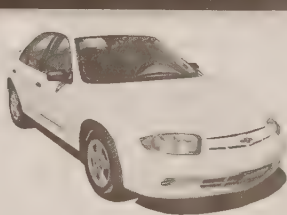


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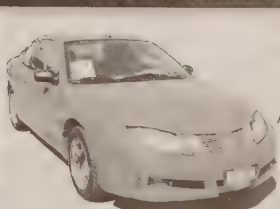
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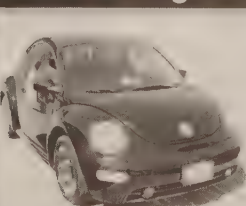
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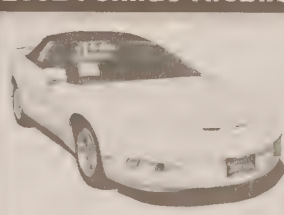


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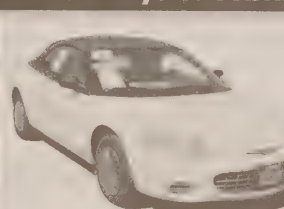
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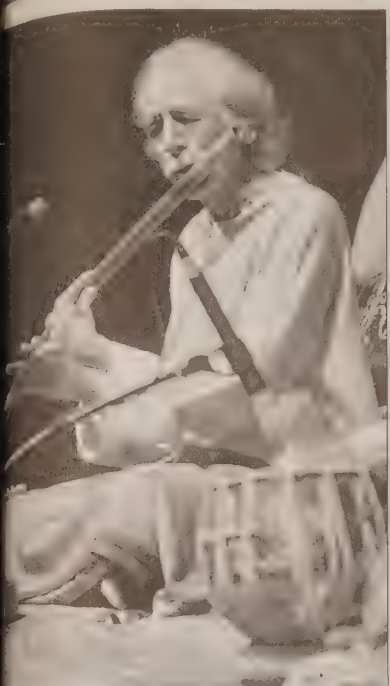
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SACHDEV play a bansuri, Indian flute, during his May 2002 performance with Swapan Caudhuri at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Berkeley.

# Indian music group play at celebration

Some of the proceeds of the concert Saturday will go to a nonprofit sweatshop organization.

By Janet Levaux  
STAFF WRITER  
BERKELEY — A group of Indian musicians will perform Saturday at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Berkeley as part of a variety of events. The show brings together G.S. Sachdev on the bansuri, or flute, and Swapan Caudhuri on percussion. They will be joined by a musician on background.

Sachdev has played since the late 1970s. Sachdev, the concert's emcee, is a local home and a place for many Indian musicians. They love the place. It's a place for that type of music.

Senior Sachdev — who taught at Ali Akbar College in San Rafael, his own school in Berkeley and elsewhere — turns 70 on March 19.

He decided to honor his family by celebrating some of his achievements. The younger Sachdev lives in the Piedmont Avenue area of Berkeley, where he is celebrating his 50th birthday at his business, Bansuri Spring Gallery. In the gallery, some proceeds from the show will be used to launch a nonprofit organization be-

## Exhibit

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Works being exhibited at the Century span the years from 1991 to 2003. While the titles that suggest special, such as "Old Colorado Red" and "Blue Ridge," are thickly painted abstract compositions that convey moods, the landscapes, "The Impression" coming back from the gallery, O'Kiersey said one afternoon at the gallery. The artist lightly brushes color on the canvas in his recent work, but most of the time he applies, often with a knife. While studying painting in San Francisco, he went to a culinary supply store and bought an offset spatula for frosting cakes. "It's my favorite tool," he said. The gallery, which also features hand-crafted furniture, is located in a relatively lively section of San Pablo Avenue halfway between University and Ashby. The shops include cafes, Sierra Club's local headquarters, a jewelry store named No Ring and Good Vibra-

BERKELEY YOUTH HAVE had the inviting gallery in Live Oak Park with a colorful array of works, some of it very intriguing. The 12th annual Berkeley Youth Festival exhibit includes paintings, drawings, collage, photography, poetry books and sculpture, by elementary and junior high school students, with some artwork as well.

# Sunday fund-raiser helps Oakland indies

By Brian Kluepfel  
CORRESPONDENT

It was at a Claremont Library "story swap," the tale-tellers' equivalent of an open mike, that Mary Ellen Hill had a premonition of her future. As she listened to the stories pour forth from the intimate circle, she said to herself, "that's what I want to do with my life."

It was something, in fact, with which the transplanted Hoosier had some little experience. The Indianapolis native began her professional life in Colorado as a second- and third-grade teacher, and thus had plenty of experience getting — and holding — the wee ones' attention.

After relocating to the Bay Area in 1987, she attended Holy Names College in Oakland, studying under Matthew Fox and Brian Swimme. Then Hill plunged wholeheartedly into lore and legend, from Native American traditions to those of cultures around the globe. She holds a master's degree in spirituality and eco-justice from The Institute of Culture and Creation Spirituality at Holy Names, a certificate in storytelling from Dominican College in San Rafael, a bachelor's degree in education from St. Mary's College in Indiana and a life teaching license in elementary and special education.

Her professional career had an auspicious start — it was 1990, at an Earth Day celebration in UC Berkeley's panoramic Botanical Garden. "What a great beginning!" Hill enthused. And isn't a great beginning what all

## IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** Mary Ellen Hill tells "Spring Tales" celebrating the vernal equinox.
- **WHERE:** Laurel Bookstore, 4100 MacArthur Blvd., between High Street and 39th, Oakland. Another performance will take place at ChangeMakers Bookstore, 6536 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, on April 3 at 5:30 p.m.
- **WHEN:** Sunday March 21, 7-8:30 p.m.
- **TICKETS:** \$5 adults, \$3 children
- **INFORMATION:** 510-531-2074, [www.mehstories.com](http://www.mehstories.com)

storytellers are after?

"I love to tell creation myths about how the first rainbow appeared, why some trees stay green, why Sun and Moon live in the sky, how night came from the sea," said Hill.

Sunday's reading at ChangeMakers Bookstore, on the site of the old Mama Bear's store, will be another of her seasonal celebrations, fitting for the first weekend of spring.

Her stories are often interactive and involve props. She doesn't read from books; instead, she calls it "a sort of learning by heart," wherein she memorizes the salient points of a tale, and then is free to improvise certain sections, depending on audience reaction. "I build a relationship with the story and we get to know each other, and I think of ways we can perhaps build on it, like creating dialog where there



STORYTELLER MARY ELLEN HILL will share "Spring Tales" at appearances in Berkeley and Oakland this month and next.

isn't any," she explained. She is constantly building her repertoire. "I just learned a tall tale from Japan, and I had never told a tall tale before!" she said. It's a connection back to her old days at Holy Names and Brian Swimme, though, that has spurred Hill's specialty.

"We Are the Stars That Sing: The Story of the Universe" weaves separate strands of myth and science into the fabric of the 15-billion-year history of the solar system. It combines a little bit of what Hill is all about: myth, song, story and cosmology. Though the other stories she tells are based on existing tales, "Stars That Sing" is her own creation. In addition to spinning yarns around California classrooms, Hill

also passes her storytelling fancy on to the next generation through Puppets and Pie, a project she does with creative partner Gitty Duncan. Their summer workshops result in children learning all aspects of a theatrical production, then putting one on.

Her friend and mentor Swimme summarized what Hill does for her audiences, great and small. "By telling stories of the universe that are grounded in contemporary science and nourished by spiritual traditions, Mary Ellen energizes and informs us all," he said.

Reach Berkeley freelance writer Brian Kluepfel at [bkluepfel@hotmail.com](mailto:bkluepfel@hotmail.com).

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST-SELLERS

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2. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, \$19.95.)
3. "The Birth of Venus," by Sarah Dunant. (Random House, \$21.95.)
4. "The Last Juror," by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$27.95.)
5. "3rd Degree," by James Patterson and Andrew Greer. (Little Brown, \$26.95.)
6. "The Confessions of Max Tivoli," by Andrew Sean Greer. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$23.)
7. "The Game," by Laurie R. King. (Bantam, \$23.95.)
8. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," by Mark Haddon. (Doubleday, \$22.95.)
9. "The Namesake," by Jhumpa Lahiri. (Houghton Mifflin, \$24.)
10. "The Bookman's Promise," by John Dunning. (Scribner, \$25.)

### Nonfiction

1. "The South Beach Diet," by Arthur Agatston M.D. (Rodale, \$24.95.)
2. "The Price of Loyalty," by Ron Suskind. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.)
3. "American Dynasty," by Kevin Phillips. (Viking, \$25.95.)
4. "The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands," by Dr. Laura Schlessinger. HarperCollins, \$24.95.)
5. "The Fabric of the Cosmos," by Brian Greene. (Knopf, \$28.95.)
6. "Lies & the Lying Liars Who Tell Them," by Al Franken. (Dutton, \$24.95.)
7. "Skeletons on the Zahara," by Dean King. (Little Brown, \$24.95.)

8. "Dude, Where's My Country?" by Michael Moore. (Warner, \$24.95.)
9. "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill," by Mark Bittner. (Harmony, \$22.)
10. "A Short History of Nearly Everything," by Bill Bryson. (Broadway, \$27.50.)

### Trade paperback fiction

1. "Middlesex," by Jeffrey Eugenides. (Picador, \$15.)
2. "Life of Pi," by Yann Martel. (Harvest, \$14.)
3. "The Secret Life of Bees," by Sue Monk Kidd. (Penguin, \$14.)
4. "The Piano Tuner," by Daniel Philippo Mason. (Vintage, \$14.)
5. "Drop City," by T.C. Boyle. (Penguin, \$14.)
6. "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency," by Alexander McCall Smith. (Anchor, \$11.95.)
7. "The Dante Club," by Matthew Pearl. (Random House, \$13.95.)
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3. "Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling," by Ross King. (Penguin, \$15.)
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6. "1,000 Places to See Before You Die," by Patricia Schultz. (Workman, \$18.95.)
7. "What Should I Do With My Life?" by Po Bronson. (Random House, \$14.95.)
8. "Fast Food Nation," by Eric Schlosser. (Perennial, \$13.95.)
9. "Stitch 'n Bitch: The Knitter's Handbook," by Debbie Stoller. (Workman, \$13.95.)
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assembled a pair of majestic, as well as amusing, totems, made of 24 folded-and-cut paper images. The red and black cutouts have stylized faces, on a white background. Some are stern and frightening, others delightful, with a high percentage of two-dimensional cats in the mix. There's even a lion, maybe inspired by the two-dimensional costumes for "The Lion King."

The same school's fifth-graders have created unglazed clay storytelling figures that look like the evocative, mysterious terra-cotta relics found in excavations of early civilizations.

At the other end of the spectrum, students from Berkeley Alternative High School have turned scraps of colored paper, cut-up photographs and text into portraits. Some look like mosaics, while others easily match the impact of collaged illustrations in slick magazines.

Third-graders at Thousand Oaks Elementary School weigh in with their "I Have a Dream ..." project. They cut out more or less identical clouds, mounted them on paper, then wrote and illustrated their hopes for the future. Most of their dreams are familiar, such as world peace and an end to violence. Three of the youngsters dream of a future with no smoking. One youngster declares "I have a dream" about a world where there is "no animal killing for clothes."

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# Arts & Leisure

Friday, March 19, 2004



**BILL MANN**  
Multimedia Notes

## Talent wins out over TV age-ism

**YOU HEAR** A lot about women having a hard time finding — and keeping — work in TV as they age. Sadly, that's all too often true. But it also happens to men in this cruel business.

Take the case of Jack Hanson, a fixture on KGO-TV for more than 20 years — until 10 years ago, when he was cut loose. The bright, personable Hanson had been a weatherman and feature reporter on Channel 7, and also hosted KGO's "AM San Francisco" with Nancy Fleming (wife of KABL Radio's Jim Lange) for several years.

For years, I'd see Hanson each summer at the charity golf and tennis tourney named for his late friend and KGO colleague, Russ Coughlan. And for years, Hanson wasn't working — hard to believe for someone that talented, even if he wasn't age 27.

But finally, five years ago, Hanson started doing a show on aging on the local cable-access channel near his Marin home. That's where Comcast VP Andrew Johnson, who'd seen Hanson's work for years on Channel 7, spotted him and snapped him up to host "Comcast Local Edition," a series of five-minute, twice-an-hour inserts than run at 24 and 54 minutes past on CNN Headline News.

"It gave us instant credibility, having someone as well-known as Jack. I couldn't think of a better person to host this public-affairs show than him," says Johnson from his office at Comcast headquarters in San Bruno.

"It's a second career for me," says Hanson. "I tape about 15 of them a week at Comcast's two studios in the East Bay, and in Marin, San Francisco and San Jose," the TV vet says of his chats with local political and community leaders. "It keeps me pretty busy."

Hanson is the father of eight. His youngest, a son by his second wife, Pauline, is 10 and sometimes tells him, "I saw you on MTV, Dad." Hanson explains that Comcast will sometimes drop in one of his interviews, with, say, a city councilperson, where it has unsold local air time. (Hanson's oldest, Craig, a stage manager at KRON, is 47.)

Johnson, who produces "Comcast Local Edition," wants to expand the segments to other areas and says Hanson will be perfect for upcoming "where-are-they-now?" segments with retired local TV personalities. Johnson says he's arranging for the well-liked Hanson to interview long-time KGO colleague Rigo Chacon, who just retired after 30 years of covering the South Bay.

Johnson also wants Hanson to tape a segment with another long-time colleague, former KGO anchor and East Bay resident Van Amburg. "We'll get (former KNBR personality) Frank Dill back here from Hawaii to be interviewed by Jack," says Comcast's VP of Communications. Johnson is also toying with the idea of having Channel 7's Dr. Dean Edell do some segments on aging with fellow Marinite Hanson.

"I got lucky," says Hanson of his new career in cable. But there's more to it than luck: Hanson has always been a talented communicator. And even though it doesn't happen often enough in broadcasting, it's always good to see talent rewarded.

**MARTHA, MY DEAR:** I like Fortune Mag columnist Stanley Bing's comments about the Martha Stewart verdict on PBS/KQED's top-notch "Wall Street Week With Fortune," which airs Fridays at 7:30 on Channel 9.

When the show's co-host, fellow Fortune columnist Geoff Colvin, joked that Stewart's future quarters "are probably not the kind of gated community she had in mind," Bing smiled and noted: "This is like taking a velociraptor and putting it in a small room while meanwhile, the Tyrannosaurus Rexes continue to depredate the forest."

Questions. Comments? E-mail Bill: [Newsmann@sonic.net](mailto:Newsmann@sonic.net).



SHERRY LEWIS/STAFF

**OAKLAND EAST** Bay Symphony musical director Michael Morgan conducts the Oakland Unified School District Combined Orchestra at Skyline High School in Oakland on March 11. He will direct the symphony's performance tonight.

## Duo combines hip, classical

**DJ Spooky, performing with musician Anthony De Ritis, will add his modern touch to pieces by Beethoven and Ravel**

By Bruce Gerstman  
STAFF WRITER

Ludwig Van Beethoven never got down to hip-hop. But if he were alive today, that could have changed.

Tonight, the Oakland East Bay Symphony will feature two musicians, Anthony De Ritis and DJ Spooky, who will jointly perform Beethoven's "Symphony #7," Maurice Ravel's "Bolero" and the premier of De Ritis' "Devolution."

De Ritis wrote this piece, as well as two orchestral scores derived from Beethoven and Ravel.

Paul Miller, aka DJ Spooky, will improvise and add his own twist to the music — live on stage — using his laptop computer, turntables and mixing board, according to De Ritis.

"All the moments affecting the universe affects the decision (Miller) makes," De Ritis said. "I represent an academically trained composer who understands that the influence DJs have had on our culture is very significant."

Miller's influences range from John Cage and Sun Ra to Grandmaster Flash, according to his Web site. He helped found the Ill-bient movement, a style that started in New York City and worked with music and sound from old LP's to create ambient sound, according to officials at



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**ANTHONY DE RITIS'** "devolution," as well as two orchestral scores he derived from Beethoven and Ravel will be performed at the Paramount Theater tonight.

Asphodel, his former record label.

In a 1999 interview with De Ritis, Miller said he likes to change music.

"I can only wonder what listeners of the future will think when they look back and realize we all used to listen to the same record the same way," Miller said.

Miller has remixed for Metallica, Nick Cave, Sublime and others. He grew up in Washington, D.C., where he listened to local hard-core punk, British ska punk and go-go music, according to a written statement.

De Ritis said the orchestra will include three drummers, which faded in and out the background beats.

"There's one single groove



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**PAUL MILLER, aka DJ Spooky, will improvise using a laptop computer, turntables and mixing board at tonight's performance.**

that's constantly changing over time," he said.

Anthony De Ritis is a professor at Northeastern University's department of music in Boston. He has conducted at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City, as well as other sites. He received a Ph.D. in music composition at UC Berkeley.

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### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Oakland East Bay Symphony concert with Anthony De Ritis and DJ Spooky

**WHEN:** 8 tonight

**WHERE:** Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway, Oakland

**TICKETS:** \$15-\$58

**INFORMATION:** 510-625-8497

**ALSO:** A pre-concert lecture is set for 7:05 p.m.

## What's your perception of Steve Palmer's photos?

By Robert Taylor  
STAFF WRITER

In his day job, Steve Palmer is a professor of psychology and cognitive science at UC Berkeley, but you don't need to study his research on color and visual perception to appreciate his photography.

Eighteen large-scale prints are on display in the lobby gallery of the Albany Community Center, providing a fascinating window into Palmer's world. All photography begins with light, of course, but Palmer's background gives him an unusual vision. He titles the exhibit "The Art of Perception."

Palmer, who lives in Albany, is interested in light filtering through leaves and flowers, intense sunlight that makes plants translucent, and fish swimming in a dreamy — what — pondscape? Even his relatively basic landscapes and waterscapes, such as "Tamales Bay Afternoon" and "Still Twilight," are thick with atmosphere.

His close-up of bamboo really is transformed, with lighting and cropping, into the "Glow Sticks" of the photo's title. "Floating Leaf" is a purple swirl in vivid blue wa-



**NINE OF PATRICK O'KIERSEY'S** paintings, including "Whale," right, are on display at Turn of the Century Fine Arts in Berkeley.

ter. "Blue Graydient" is a mysterious but placid composition of grass reflected in water with no perceptible surface or horizon. A densely petaled white rose, photographed with nose-in-the-blossom detail, takes on the character of its title, "Yellow Vortex."

Some of Palmer's urban images are also on display, including crisp, traditional shots of New York City buildings reflected



**PHOTOGRAPHER** Steve Palmer's dreamy "Fish Circus," above, is one of the prints on display at Albany Community Center.

in the window walls of other buildings. His "Blue Sky" is extraordinary, an abstract composition of sweeping architectural curves, looking like a classic photograph from the 1930s, but in rich color rather than black, white and gray.

**PATRICK O'KIERSEY**, whose art studio is in a converted theater building on Telegraph Avenue in Oakland, carries on the tradition of Bay Area abstract expressionism in an exhibit of nine

paintings at Turn of the Century Fine Arts in Berkeley. They're on view through March.

O'Kiersey studied at Mills College and during the past decade has shown his work at the venerable Triangle Gallery in San Francisco. Last year, two of his big, impressive canvases were part of the opening exhibit at the Joyce Gordon Gallery in downtown Oakland.

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## Show turns science to

**"TRUE MYSTERY"** Presents... at the Golden Gate Berkeley Rep's 19th annual school touring production is its six-week tour of Bay elementary and middle schools today and goes to two final performances on Saturday, March 20, at Thrust Stage. Big time.

The special public Saturday, recommended for ages 7 and up, will be presented at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Written, composed and directed by Barbara D. "Code Blue" is a mutation of the hidden world of times microscopic science and genetics.

The production is a really challenging, educational middle school students and fun enough to engage younger audiences. Adults can also learn a lot to keep up with the show.

Starring Rudy G. D. Hines and Celia S. along with musician S. the production features a porting ensemble including Musculus, an antihater, Elegans, a rapping m. Aequoria Victoria, an jellyfish, and friends.

Berkeley Rep's Th. is at 2025 Addison St. Tickets are \$10. Mission. Call 510-464-4000 toll-free at 888-480-7000.

**GET CRACKIN'!** a good thing the design "Code Blue" — social Kevin Cain, costume design Todd Roehman, and designer Jake Rodriguez mastered the art of the the skedaddle and the.

Only hours after "Blue" closes — more Professor — on the Thrust Stage, the 19th annual Teen Council Festival opens at 8 p.m. that's one hot stage.

Last fall, high school students from around the submitted entries for the theme "A Family one-act playwriting

Four playwrights selected by a panel of council members to take a series of free playwriting workshops in December. local director and new specialist Kent Nicholas.

Following final readings of all four pieces, chose three for production.

Teenagers hand about the festival — tions, casting and music (including technical ing, producing and These are truly their

The trio selected tion Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. are

"How I Learned to Things Disappear" by Baron, a student of High School in San Directed by Shoshanna Resnikoff of Berkeley School, it features Stein and Baily High also of Berkeley High.

"The Living Room" Crane of Berkeley High second work to be the Rep's Teen Council work, the playwright the fine line between and his creation. The directed by Sean S. features Daven W. mon Trumble. All students at Berkeley High.

"The Life and Tifer" by Salvador B. Oakland (Head-Ron Sates in a schoolboy faces gender-ambig and far too many pter-and-jelly sandals Berkeley High's most witz directs a mostly including Jonn B. Nicolaus, Kayla Devin Miller and along with Marcus Maybeck High in B.

Tickets are \$10. \$5 for students (and younger). Call 510-

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MEASING, Page D2



2004 SATURN VUE is new and improved inside and out, with more powerful V6, more towing capacity, bigger gas tank, more safety features and a choice of three radio systems.

## Changes on 2004 Saturn VUE subtle but significant

MOTOR MATTERS

Two years ago Saturn introduced a sport utility vehicle called VUE. Then they went back to the drawing board and now have the new and improved version.

The 2004 VUE has numerous attractive features making this a more enjoyable all-around vehicle for any occasion — something the original version lacked.

Most of the improvements are subtle but very desirable.

For example, it now features dual-stage airbags and the front seat belts have pretensioners. Both

of those features are only noticeable in an accident; I didn't check them out.

Those who buy the optional comfort package will find six-way power driver's seat with lumbar support and heated driver and passenger seats.

A DVD rear-seat entertainment system is ideal when traveling a distance with children. The 7-inch LCD will keep their attention for hours — if you select the right show.

OnStar and XM Satellite radio are also options, and three new radio systems are available.

TOM KEANE  
Keane on Wheels

My tester was equipped with a stereo that played CD and MP3, but I stayed tuned to XM Satellite and listened to the same channel I play in my home: Sunny.

Another change is a 16-gallon tank that holds about a gallon more than the original VUE; a change you might not notice. But you might notice how the acoustical changes

have made the interior much quieter.

Interior changes can be seen on the nickel-plated door handles, the backlit cluster sporting white instrument gauges with chrome rings, and the leather wrapped three-spoke steering wheel.

These changes aren't going to jump out at you, but there is one that will.

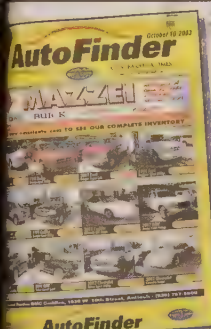
The exterior is now available is an Electric Lime color, which is so unusual it will take at least a week to get used to it. Even after a week, I wasn't too thrilled about the color.

Incidentally, body panels are now resistant to the parking lot dings.

However, I was thrilled with the new engine. My tester had the optional \$2,000 Red Line performance package. This package consists of a lower suspension, 18-inch tires and alloy wheels, chrome exhaust tips and a snazzy-looking front fascia.

The combination made the VUE somewhat sporty and it handles very well, especially in hard turns. The electric power steering is cali-

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# Why windshield wipers won't go into 'park'

BY BRAD BERGHOLDT  
KNIGHT RIDGER NEWSPAPERS

My windshield wipers just began stopping anywhere they choose rather than at the bottom of the windshield. Have you ever heard of a thing like this?

I know this is a minor problem but it drives me nuts to have to turn them on and off repeatedly to get them to stop in just the right place.

What can be done to fix this?  
**Alice Wagner**  
Menlo Park, Calif.

Until one's windshield wiper "park" function quits working, most folks never appreciate the convenience of this clever wiper feature.

Virtually all windshield wiper motors contain a set of cam-driven electrical contacts that open and close with each sweep of the wipers.

Whenever the wiper arms are at any position other than the bottom of the windshield, the contacts are closed.

Your wiper control switch also contains a set of contacts that close when the switch is turned off.

Let's add some wires and we can now bring the wiper arms home, regardless of sweep position, after the control switch is turned off.

What could be wrong with your wipers? My hunch is a faulty park switch within the motor or the control switch.

Unfortunately, most wiper motors no longer contain serviceable parts, so a faulty park switch would require motor-assembly replacement.

If your car is more than a few years old, and since wiper motors are amazingly durable, a recycled (wrecking yard) part might be an attractive option.

I just had my car fixed (for the same problem) for the third time.

When I asked why they had such a hard time fixing it, the shop owner confided that he'd recently lost his top mechanic and that it's almost impossible to find a quality replacement.

His frustration with this situ-

**BRAD BERGHOLDT**  
Auto QnA

ation and others was so great he's contemplating closing or selling the shop.

Is this an isolated situation or are we all going out on a limb by buying high-tech, difficult-to-fix cars?

**Larry Peters**  
Morgan Hill, Calif.

There is indeed a huge shortage of skilled automotive technicians.

A recent study reported a shortfall of 35,000 technicians every year through 2010.

With a modern vehicle carrying more computing power than an Apollo spacecraft and very complex mechanisms, extensive training and experience are essential in order to ensure a good fix.

Why the shortage of technicians? There's a saying in the industry that sums it up well: Eggheads don't like to fix cars and gearheads don't like math.

In addition, technician training is available, but not often enough utilized.

It costs around \$1,000 a day for a shop to send a tech to school (including lost wages and productivity), and two to three weeks per year (wishful thinking) are needed to keep up with the rapidly changing technology.

Unless a technician is willing to obtain upgrade training on their own time, they'll certainly fall behind.

Until the industry finds a way to attract sharp new people and aptly reward technicians for their skills and training, the shortage will surely continue.

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## Lease

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sumers if they are bargain priced to start with or if you're intending to keep the car for a long time, say six to 10 years. Or both.

The big winners in the latest rankings are no surprise: The Japanese automakers dominate the list, while the vehicles of the Big Three U.S. carmakers were among the lowest ranked.

The only American brand to rank as high as five stars was the GMC Yukon, a full-size sport utility similar to the Chevrolet Tahoe and Cadillac Escalade.

The Honda Accord came in with five stars, but the Toyota Camry, which outsells the Accord, tallied only four — still a good showing, however. Also with four stars was the Nissan Altima, the third-best-selling Japanese midsize sedan.

At the bottom of the list, however, with just one star, were such vehicles as the Buick Century, Dodge Intrepid (now discontinued), Ford Taurus, Mercury Sable, Chevrolet Malibu and Mitsubishi Diamante.

The Saturn ION came in with just two stars. Among those ranking in the middle, with three stars, were the Chevrolet Monte Carlo and the Chrysler Sebring convertible.

Even though the Camry failed to get that important fifth star, Toyota and its Lexus luxury marque tallied the most entries in the five-star class. They included the Toy-

ota 4Runner, Celica, RAV4, Sequoia, Tacoma and Tundra, and the Lexus ES 330, GS 300, GS 430, GX 470, RX 300 and SC 430.

Besides the Accord, the only other Honda on the five-star list was the Odyssey minivan. Honda's Acura luxury brand saw two of its vehicles on the top list: The NSX sports car and the RL sedan.

Nissan's only five-star vehicle was the Frontier compact pickup, while Nissan's Infiniti luxury brand found its G35 model on the top list.

Four Volvos got top rankings: the C70 coupe, S60 sedan, and V40 and V70 wagons. Porsche's GT2 made the five-star list, along with Mercedes-Benz's CLK and BMW's Mini Cooper.

But don't confuse resale or residual values with quality rankings or let low residual-value ratings automatically disqualify a vehicle from your shopping list.

Cars that cost less up front, sometimes considerably less than their competitors, can be great values, particularly for those who like to keep a vehicle for a while.

But even if you're trading in two or three years, those steep discounts are to your advantage because you are getting compensated up front for the vehicle's projected steep depreciation. Many of us would rather get the discount up front so we can have lower payments.

To see all of the current depreciation rankings, visit [www.alg.com](http://www.alg.com).

## Keane

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brated to give the VUE a sporty feel. Under the hood is a 3.5-liter V6 engine that is about a half a liter stronger than in the old V6 model.

This new engine generates 250 horsepower and 242 pounds-foot of torque to make the old engine seem comparatively sluggish.

Saturn people tell me it can do 0-60 mph in 7 seconds. That's not earth-shattering speed but I felt comfortable with the acceleration, especially when entering a freeway.

Another advantage to the additional power is in towing ability. It can now pull 3,500 pounds compared to 2,500 pounds on the old

model.

This engine is linked to a five-speed automatic transmission that has grade-logic control, which eliminates that annoying up-and-down shifting when climbing a hill.

My tester was also equipped with the all-wheel drive option, which is a great safety feature for when roads are slick with either snow or rain.

I liked the way the liftgate raised, exposing a useful amount of storage space and much

## 2004 SATURN VUE

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CONCEPT trucks from Japanese manufacturers, Honda's SUT, above, and Mitsubishi's Sport Truck, are possible production models in the midsize pickup market.



## Japanese manufacturers explore new pickup frontier with concepts

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The 2004 auto shows is like a parallel universe. Vehicles appear to be in the auto show form, but the designers linked to them are not.

After the reversal, domestic auto makers are focusing on passenger cars and Japanese manufacturers are hinting at the future of the midsize pickups.

At the 2004 auto shows, Honda and Mitsubishi are debuting their new midsize pickups. Honda's SUT Concept and Mitsubishi's Sport Truck Concept.

**TIM SPELL**  
Truck Talk

"The concept that we had was: We are going to make a truck and we are going to make all of the truck attributes, but in a Honda way," said Dave Marek, chief designer for the SUT.

Honda's mission is to build a vehicle that appeals to a consumer other than the traditional buyer of a truck or sport utility.

The use of unibody construction and four-wheel independent suspension gives the SUT civilized, carlike attributes, said Jared Hall, an SUT exterior designer, but this sophistication doesn't come at the sacrifice of truck-like toughness.

A machined-aluminum look is evident in the vehicle's headlamps, taillamps and wheels, said Damon

Schell of the exterior design team. Everything in excess is milled away to leave just the bare essentials.

The SUT is fitted with a 5-foot-long cargo box that Honda boasts is deep and benefits from a traditional wheel-arch intrusion than a traditional pickup. The bed size is just right for hauling a Honda motorcycle or ATV, said Mike Tsay, the SUT's interior designer.

In true sport-utility style, the cab is roomy and accommodates five adults. Playing off the billet theme, interior shapes are basic and geometric, Tsay said. The speedometer is housed in a large metal cylinder and the instrument panel block is a massive rectangular form.

Seats get a roll-bar treatment, with metal bars looping through upper portions of two-part headrests.

As expected of Honda, the powertrain is a high-torque, all-aluminum, DOHC V6. Honda reports this V6 boasts ultra-low emissions,

class-leading fuel efficiency and has the power for medium-duty towing. It's linked with a four-wheel-drive system and has off-road capabilities.

The SUT Concept is the next level in an evolving pickup market focused on meeting the demands of a new generation of truck buyers, said Tom Elliott, executive vice president of American Honda Motor Co.

**Mitsubishi Sport Truck**

Mitsubishi is on a similar path as Honda in reaching out to non-traditional truck buyers. A key difference is that Mitsubishi's Sport Truck reflects the company's performance image.

Powering the all-wheel-drive Sport Truck is a 4.7-liter V8 engine generating 235 horsepower and 295 pounds-foot of torque. Its transmission mate is a five-speed automatic with a dial-type shifter knob,

offering a manual-shift option complete with steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters.

Fitting for a pickup with V8 power, the body is bold, athletic and muscular looking. Departing from the traditional, the Sport Truck is a monocoque design — Mitsubishi's term for unibody construction.

Chris Schuttera, interior designer for the Sport Truck, said, "It's a truck that speaks to a car person," and definitely is built with serious production intent. He expects to see a production version of the Sport Truck in 2006 or 2007.

The Sport Truck's exterior is "very tough, very muscular," Schuttera said. Unlike a conventional pickup, there is no gap between the 5-foot-long bed and cab, and the C-pillar flows into the bed to give the truck a more athletic profile.

The Sport Truck reflects Mitsubishi's performance image with a wide stance and big 22-inch alloy wheels shrouded by aggressive fender flares. These wheels roll on a four-wheel independent suspension.

Driving excitement has a special meaning to rear-seat passengers who have the option of enjoying an open-air jump-seat ride.

Rear seats can slide apart or together, and "expand" up and out — sliding rearward into the cargo box. The rear glass pops up when the seats are out to double as a windshield.

Also featured are practical engineering pluses such as full-time all-wheel drive and an electronically operated, multiposition tailgate.

Concept vehicles give designers the ability to think outside the box, said Dan Sims, general manager for Mitsubishi Motors Research and Design of America.

"We've literally reshaped that box into something that inspires passion."

## Geneva auto show is a world of its own

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My first trip to the international auto show in Geneva, Switzerland, was like no other. It is the only Euro-continental show held every year, and it's a world of its own.

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**MICHELLE KREBS**  
She's Freewheeling

ning in spring in Europe.

The SLK 350, with its V6 engine, goes on sale in August. The V8-powered version arrives in October as does the SLK 55 AMG.

Capturing the spotlight for Audi was its new A6, on sale in the U.S. soon. The new A6 is bigger than the current model by about 5 inches; its wheelbase is stretched 3 inches for a roomier interior.

The A6 also is equipped with Audi's answer to BMW's iDrive, whereby most electronic functions — including climate, navigation and entertainment — are operated by a single control or through voice activation. The system made its first appearance on the top-end A8, redesigned last year.

Audi also displayed the A3 Sportback, a five-door hatchback that goes on sale in Europe soon and reportedly will come to North America as Audi's new entry-level model.

Mercedes, after giving hints with concept cars, unveiled the production version of a new class of car, the CLS. On sale in about six months, the CLS is a different kind of vehicle with a completely new design language for Mercedes. It is a four-door car with the elegant design of a coupe.



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MINI COOPER CABRIOLET gets preview at the Geneva Auto Show before arriving in the U.S. for sale in August.

Mercedes' family traits remain, but the design is more contemporary than Mercedes' traditional sedans. The new CLS will be available with either a six- or eight-cylinder gasoline engine. It will offer adaptive front, side and curtain airbags.

As with all auto shows, the one in Geneva featured a fair number of concept vehicles. Among those that will be on streets soon is BMW's Concept M5. BMW has been without a performance version of its 5 Series since the sedan was redesigned last year. The concept

suggests the upcoming one will be lower with a 5.0-liter V10 engine that produces about 500 horsepower and is paired with a seven-speed gearbox.

Much of the buzz at the show centered around a concept unveiled by Volvo that was created by an all-women team of designers, engineers and marketers. Your Concept Car, as it is called, makes its first U.S. appearance at the New York auto show in April.

The YCC, a four-seater with two gullwing doors, is unlikely to go into production as is, Volvo officials said,

but some of its features — including ideas that provide extra storage, minimal maintenance and enhanced safety and visibility — may show up in future production vehicles.

Rolls-Royce unveiled its 100EX concept convertible based on the new Phantom to commemorate the famous British marque's 100th anniversary this May.

The Geneva Show is the place where Europe's design houses get to strut their stuff. Italian design houses Bertone and Zagato each brought to the show very different

concept cars based on the Aston Martin Vanquish.

Another attention-grabber came from Italdesign-Giugiaro with its futuristic Toyota sports car, outfitted with a 408-horsepower hybrid powertrain.

U.S. automakers used Geneva as a venue to announce their intent to launch their product assaults — of U.S.-made models — on Europe. Chrysler announced its SRT performance group will sell the Crossfire SRT-6 in Europe. GM said it will push the Corvette, as well as Hummer and Cadillac in Europe.

## Audi TT for 2004 is about a lot more than just quattro

MOTOR MATTERS

Audi's skyrocketing sales slowed to real levels last year but, despite increased competition, VW's premium brand managed to take out its fourth straight record in 2003.

Yet have the cachet of its German competitors, BMW and Mercedes, in the U.S., but Audi is beginning to stand out as a brand that elegantly designed, nimble-handling with enough horsepower to satiate track fiends.

The TT is symbolized by the TT roadster. They are stylish, high-performance sports cars that have become pulling more car buyers into Audi's fold.

In April, 1998, more than 100,000 coupes have been assembled at Audi's plant in Gyor, Hungary.

More than 50,000 TT roadsters have rolled off the assembly line which re-creates the look of an Audi plant in Ingolstadt, Germany, and mates them to what are assembled in Gyor.

The amazing international operation of Audi, turning out vehicles in the fast pace of an icon for the Audi brand.

Following against stellar entries in the niche — like the Mercedes SLK, Chrysler Crossfire and BMW Z4 — the 2004 Audi TT coupe and roadster received more power and tech-

**HERB SHULDINER**  
Down the Road

nology to make them credible competitors in this all-star segment.

A big reason for this is that Audi is a division of Volkswagen, the world's fourth largest car company and the biggest in Europe. VW's engineering resources are world class and Audi is frequently a pioneer for the company's innovations.

The TT is the first to use one of the latest of these innovations: An all-new Direct-Shift Gearbox — a six-speed transmission that combines the best features of manual and automatic shifters.

In addition, the 2004 Audi TT gets a V6 engine, the first ever in this model.

The more powerful engine and unique transmission, combined with the signature quattro AWD system, give the TT better acceleration and handling in both coupe and roadster versions.

The DSG has a twin multi-plate clutch that allows two gears to be engaged at the same time. As you shift the DSG, it engages one gear and pre-selects the next up or downshift.

What happens when the process takes place — either automatically or by the driver shifting a lever or the steering wheel-mounted shift paddles — is that the clutch of the engaged gear opens as the clutch

of the next pre-selected gear closes.

There's an overlap that results in a permanent power flow. DSG also permits very fast, smooth gear shifts without any jolting motions. In the automatic mode, a sport program delays upshifts and advances downshifts to speed the shifting maneuvers.

DSG has input and auxiliary shafts. The input shaft consists of a hollow output shaft that handles 1st, 3rd, 5th and reverse gears; and an inner shaft handling second, fourth and sixth gears.

Each shaft is selected by a separate multi-plate clutch bathed in oil and located

inside each other to conserve space. One high-performance capability of DSG is a launch control that allows Formula One-type starts.

To do this, you step on the brake and accelerator at the same time and rev the engine to 3,200 rpm. Then you release the brake and the TT roars off, shifting quickly through the gears.

The very compact V6 engine is well matched to DSG.

Its 15-degree cylinder angle also allows it to fit transversely in the engine compartment so the body doesn't require any change.

The 3.2-liter engine can generate 250 horsepower at 6,300 rpm. It develops peak torque of 236 pounds-foot between 2,800 and 3,200 rpm.

The engine can accelerate the TT from 0-60 mph in 6.4 seconds in the coupe version, and 6.6 seconds as a roadster.

Top speed has an electronic cutoff at 130 mph. Despite its higher torque and horsepower output, the V6 has low exhaust emissions.

The Audi TT changes only serve to make one of the most beautiful sports cars on the market an even better performer. So its beauty isn't just skin deep.

## All American Get-Together kicks off car show season

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One of the largest two-day automotive events in the area, this event includes more than 2,500 American-made and powered vehicles of all years, plus a used auto parts swap meet, cars for sale corral, commercial exhibits and vendors, arts and crafts show, model and pedal car show and a kid's alley.

On the Saturday of the weekend, two special vehicle areas will be showcased

from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. — the Youngguys area for registered event participants (both men and women) age 25 and younger and Homebuilt Heaven for those who used their creativity and craftsmanship to build their ride.

Three buildings at the fairgrounds will showcase various displays including Garage Grown, a collection of retro rods and kool kustoms.

During the awards ceremony on that Sunday, more than 80 awards will be presented including the Goodguys 2004 Custom d'Elegance.

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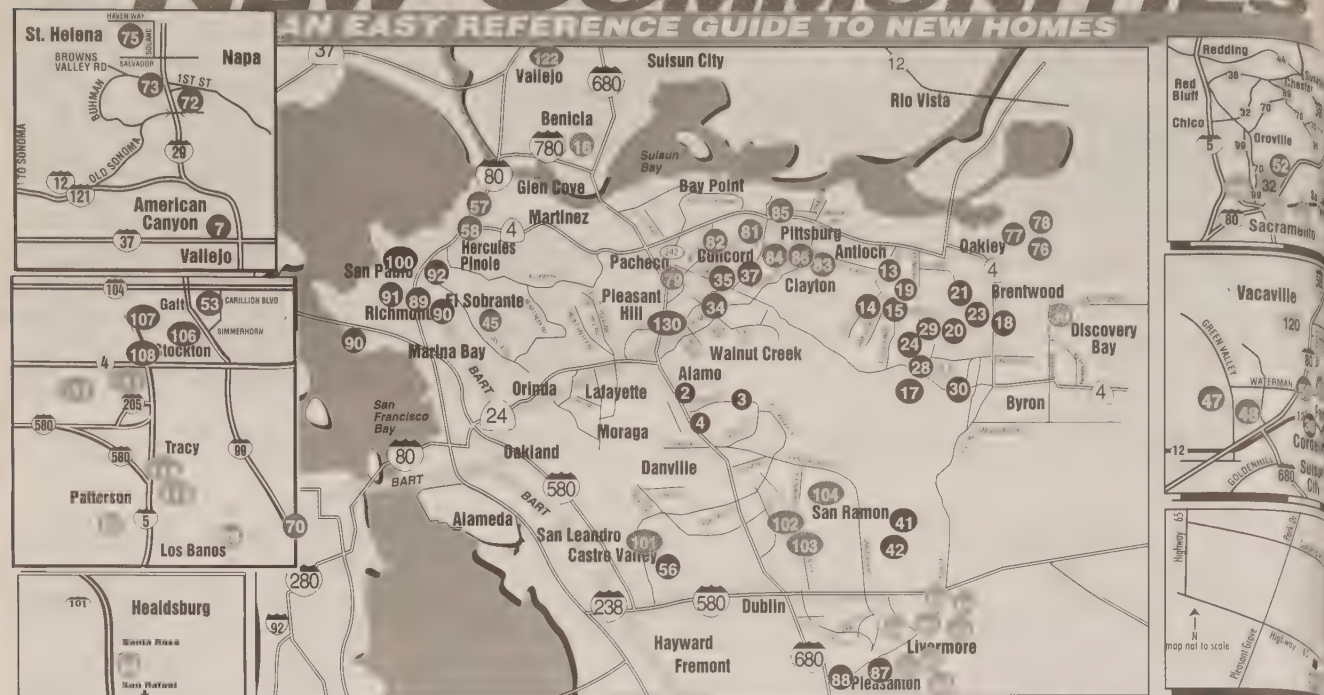
Gates will open at 8 a.m. both days and close at 5 p.m. the first day and 3 p.m. the second day.

Admission is \$12; \$6 for ages 7-12 and free for ages 6 and younger. An \$8 parking fee is charged by the fairgrounds.

Registration for the event will take place from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 27 and 7 a.m. to noon March 28.

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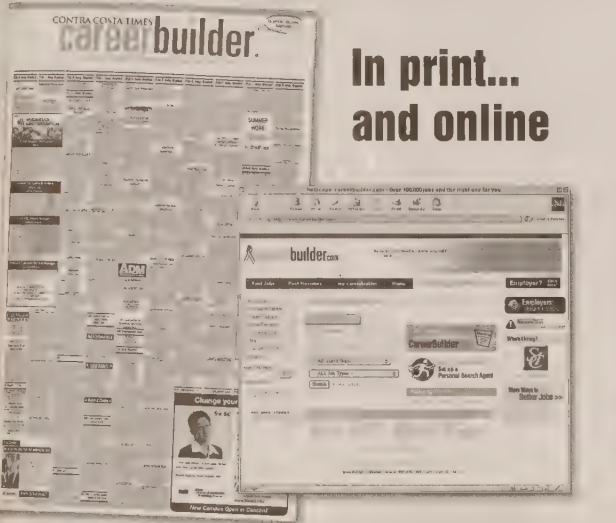


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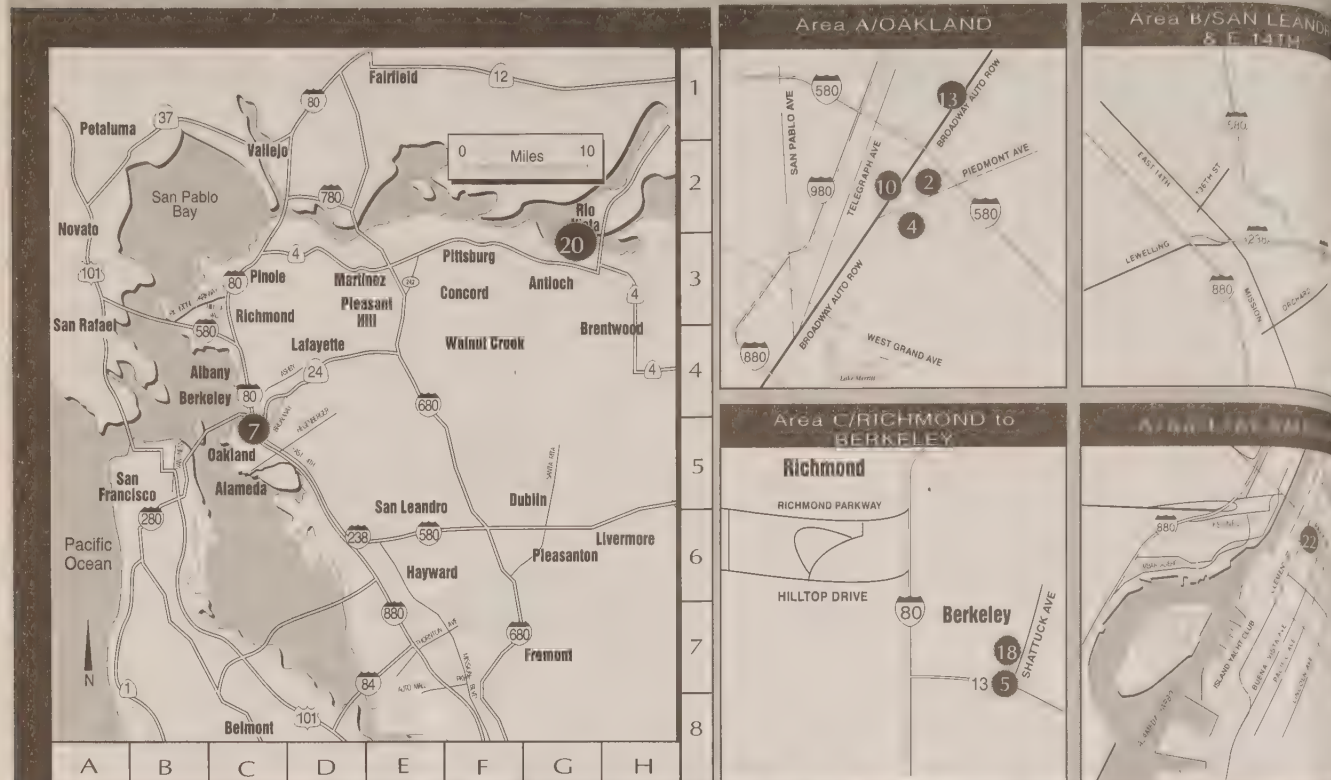






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## Picking produce: How to shop like a pro

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in the produce section of the supermarket or at the local produce stand, feeling the melons and feeling the tomatoes, but not really knowing what you should be looking for.

The first sign to look for: freshness. Fruits and vegetables should be in color and in season. If they are decayed, don't buy them. You shouldn't buy more vegetables than you need. Otherwise, they won't be fresh by the time you get home to eat them.

At the United States Department of Agriculture has created a guide to go by for most vegetables. Although you won't always find them in the store, they are used by growers, shippers and retailers. All grades are healthy, but different grades are healthy, but different grades are healthy. For example, U.S. No. 1 is the most common grade. These vegetables are supposed to look fresh, have good color and no bruises or decay. U.S. No. 2 and U.S. No. 3 have some defects, but they are still healthy. U.S. No. 2 and U.S. No. 3 have some defects, but they are still healthy. U.S. No. 2 and U.S. No. 3 have some defects, but they are still healthy.

These USDA guidelines are helpful in choosing specific vegetables. Remember that each individual vegetable and fruit has its own characteristics, and, over time, you should be able to distinguish between them and earn the title of an expert produce shopper.

### Vegetable shopping guide

**Artichokes:** Look for plump artichokes with thick, green and fresh-looking scales. Avoid artichokes with

grayish-black discoloration and mold or brown areas on the scales.

**Asparagus:** Look for closed, compact tips and smooth, round spears with a rich green color. Avoid tips that are open, moldy or decayed.

**Broccoli:** Look for a firm, compact cluster of small flower buds which are not opened enough to show the bright-yellow flower. Bud clusters should be dark green, sage green or have a purple tint. Avoid broccoli with spread bud clusters, enlarged or open buds, yellowish-green color or that look wilted.

**Carrots:** Look for carrots which are well formed, smooth, firm and well colored. Avoid ones with wilting roots or that show signs of rotting.

**Cauliflower:** Look for cauliflower that is white to creamy-white, compact, solid and with clean curds. Curds should not appear spread.

**Celery:** Look for ones that are fresh and crisp. Stalks should feel solid and rigid and leaves should look fresh and only slightly wilted. Avoid ones with wilted leaves or flabby upper branches. Branches should not show black, brown or grey discoloration.

**Corn:** Look for corn with fresh husks, silk ends that are not decayed and stem ends (opposite from the silk) that are not discolored or dead. Ear should be well-covered with plump and not-too-mature kernels.

**Cucumbers:** Look for cucumbers that are firm all over and well developed and not too large in diameter. Avoid ones that are yellowish and large in diameter.

**Lettuce:** Look for fresh lettuce with good, bright color. Avoid heads with irregular shapes and hard bumps on the tops.

**Mushrooms:** Button mushrooms should be small to medium in size. Caps should be closed around the stem or open slightly with pink or tan gills. Caps should



KNOWING WHAT TO LOOK FOR when shopping for produce can make all the difference come mealtime.

be white or creamy.

**Onions:** Look for hard or firm onions without blemishes. Necks should be dry and small. Avoid onions with wet or soft necks or with fresh sprouts.

**Peppers:** Peppers should have a deep color, glossy sheen, heavy weight and firm walls or sides.

**Potatoes:** General purpose and baking potatoes should be smooth, firm and free from blemishes, sunburn and decay. Avoid potatoes with

large cuts, bruises, decay, sprouts, shrivels or that are green.

**Tomatoes:** Tomatoes should be smooth, ripe and free of blemishes. Avoid ones that are soft, overripe, bruised, moldy or have water-soaked spots.

### Fruit shopping guide

**Apples:** Look for firm, crisp, well-colored apples. Avoid apples with bruises or irregularly shaped tan or brown areas.

**Bananas:** Look for bananas which are firm, bright and without bruises. Avoid ones that have discolored skins or a dull, grayish, aged appearance.

**Blueberries:** Look for plump, firm, dry, uniformly sized blueberries that are dark-blue colored with a silvery waxy coating. Avoid ones that are soft, mushy or leaking.

**Cantaloupe:** Look for melons without a stem and with thick, coarse and corky netting (or veining). Avoid

ones with large bruises or mold.

**Cherries:** The most succulent cherries will have bright, glossy, plump surfaces and fresh stems. Avoid cherries that look shriveled, are dull in color, moldy or have brown discoloration.

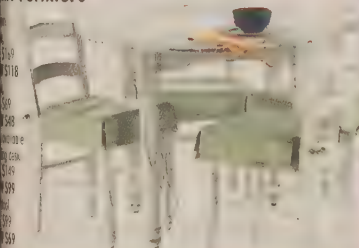
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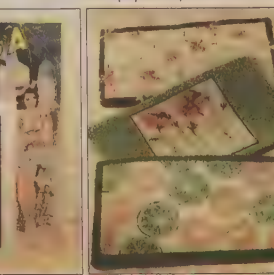
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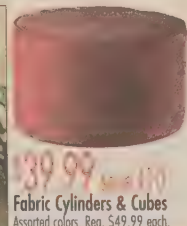
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# If you haven't looked at steel roofs lately, it's time you did

BY NICK HARDER  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REG. STER.

One tough choice almost all homeowners eventually face is what type of material to use to build or replace their roof. Popular choices are asphalt or fiber-glass shingles, wood or cedar shake or shingles, clay tiles, slate, fibrous cement — and steel.

Steel roofs? Did you think they were just for commercial buildings? Isn't a steel roof just a big, clunky metal-looking roof that belongs in an industrial park?

You may not have noticed, but many homes are being roofed with steel. The reason you may not notice is because newer steel roofs are coated to look like conventional shingles, slate or tile. They even come in a variety of colors.

Why are people selecting steel roofs over other materials, even though they often cost more? For a number of reasons, starting with safety.

"For me it was a question first of earthquake safety," said a very serious Meredith Jural. "I studied many aspects of why some homes were left standing when others crumbled after earthquakes. I found that many of them had steel roofs." Jural, a retired earthquake consultant, knows about seismic safety, and she put her expertise to good use when she had her Mission Viejo home re-roofed with steel.

"I did my homework first, though," she said. "I looked at other kinds of roofing, compared prices, warranties, the styles of different materials, and then chose steel."

Jural's roof has a dark shingle look to match her home's somewhat traditional Eastern architectural design.

"It took them about three days to peel off the old wood shake roof and install the new steel roof," she said. "It went on cleanly and neatly and quickly; I was impressed."

Does she like it?

"Oh, yes, very much," she said. Not only does Jural like her new steel roof, many of the neighbors within sight of her home liked it so much that they had their homes re-roofed with steel. There are at least five styles and colors of steel roofs within a stone's throw of Jural's home.

Besides its seismic advantages, Jural said, her steel roof has another benefit.

"I've even noticed that it stays cooler in the house on a hot summer's day," she said.

Fire-safety benefits were what sold Kim Raddatz, fire chief for the city of Coronado in San Diego County, when he installed a steel roof on his El Cajon home in October.

"From a strictly firefighting standpoint," he said, "steel roofing makes a home a lot easier to protect from fires. Steel roofs are lightweight, very durable, wind-resistant, they have a good fire rating and a proven track record."

Mark and Cindy Seyler in Lake Forest, Calif., had their home re-roofed with steel about two years ago. Cindy said: "I still love it."

But why?

"I like the look, of course," she said, "and I don't ever have to worry about it."

The Seylers chose steel "because you can actually walk on it. With other types of roofing you often can't," she said. "I also liked it because it doesn't come in individual shakes or shingles but in long strips. That makes it really

difficult for wind to pick it up."

Another reason Seyler liked steel, despite the somewhat higher price, was the warranty.

"It's got a 50-year warranty. That's hard to beat. By the time you figure in how long it will last, the fact that we wouldn't have to re-roof, it wasn't that much more than other types of roofing."

## Common questions about steel roofs

Here are some basics about steel roofing:

**Q:** How did steel roofing come about?

**A:** Stone-coated steel roofing was developed during World War II. After the war, the product was commercialized.

**Q:** Will a steel roof heat up a home?

**A:** Actually, just the opposite. If a steel roof is properly vented, air moves well between the shingles and underlying decking. Heated air is allowed to dissipate through a ridge line as cooler air is drawn through eave vents.

**Q:** Can you walk on a steel roof?

**A:** Yes, but care must be taken. It's better to walk on the battens (the long wood strips to which the steel sections are attached).

**Q:** Is a steel roof noisier in the rain than other roofing material?

**A:** A little noisier, but many homeowners say it's not unpleasant.

**Q:** How about wind resistance?

**A:** Some steel roofing systems will withstand wind speeds up to 120 mph.

**Q:** Will a steel roof rust?

**A:** Modern steel roofing systems have advanced coatings to prevent rust.

**Q:** Will the steel roof's color fade?

**A:** Very little if at all. A good way to prevent it is to occasionally wash the roof with a garden hose to wash off contaminants.

**Q:** How about fire protection?

**A:** A steel roof has a class-A, top rating.

**Q:** Would a metal roof be too heavy for certain types of homes?

**A:** A metal roof is, on average, 50 percent lighter than an asphalt shingle roof and 75 percent lighter than concrete tile, fiber-cement shakes and slate.

**Q:** Doesn't a steel roof cost more?

**A:** Initially, yes. Though prices vary substantially, you might compare price per 100 square feet to fiberglass (\$35-\$85); slate (\$85); tile (\$825); and steel (\$255).

But, when you figure in longevity and the fact that you may have to re-roof with some other types of roofing material, the extra cost may be a lot less.

**Q:** How long does it take to install a steel roof on an average home?

**A:** Usually just a few days if the roofing structure of a home is not complex.

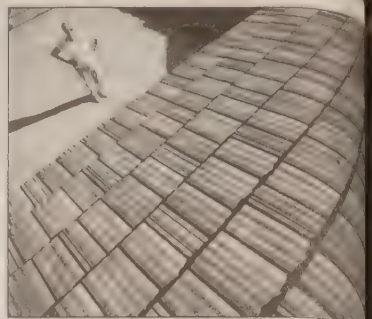
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■ Material: Steel finished with a stone coating.

■ Weight: 2 pounds per square foot installed.

■ Wind resistance: Class-A rating (highest).



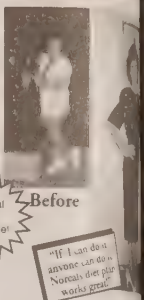
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ing (highest).  
■ Earthquake resistance: Weight and strength help homes survive the lateral and vertical forces of an earthquake.  
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The RMPs for General Chemical West's Bay Point Works, Calpine Delta Energy Center (Calpine DEC), Monsanto's Avon Plant and BOC Gases are now complete. The Preliminary Audit Findings for Criterion Catalyst, Calpine DEC, HASA, Monsanto's Avon Plant and BOC Gases are also complete. A forty-five day public comment period for the RMPs and the Preliminary Audit Findings will begin March 17, 2004 and will end on May 3, 2004. The RMPs and Preliminary Audit Findings may be reviewed at the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs Office at 4333 Pacheco Blvd. in Martinez. Call (925) 646-2286 for an appointment. The RMPs and Preliminary Audit Findings may also be reviewed at the libraries listed below.

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## Produce

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water-soaked areas, and a soft, tender peel that breaks easily with the slightest finger pressure.

**Grapes:** Look for well-colored plump grapes that are firmly attached to the stem.

Avoid grapes that are soft, wrinkled or leaking or have bleached areas around the stems.

**Honeydew:** Look for melons that are soft and velvety in texture. Avoid ones with large, water-

soaked, bruised areas.

**Lemons:** Look for firm and heavy lemons with a rich, yellow color and a smooth-textured skin with a slight gloss.

Avoid ones that have a dark yellow color, hard or shriveled skin, soft spots, mold or punctured skin.

**Oranges:** Oranges should be

firm and heavy with a fresh, smooth, bright skin.

Avoid ones that have a rough, dull skin and that are lightweight and look discolored.

**Pears:** Look for hard pears. Avoid ones that are wilted or shriveled with dull skin or spots. Pears will ripen and soften at your home.

**Pineapples:** Look for ones with

bright color and a fresh aroma. Avoid ones that look dried or have a dull yellow skin.

**Strawberries:** Look for berries with a full red color, bright luster, firm flesh and stems still attached.

Avoid ones with large uncolored areas, a shrunken appearance, softness or mold.

**Watermelons:** Watermelons

should have firm, juicy flesh with good red color that lacks any white streaks.

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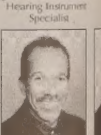
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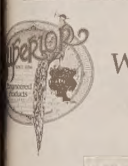
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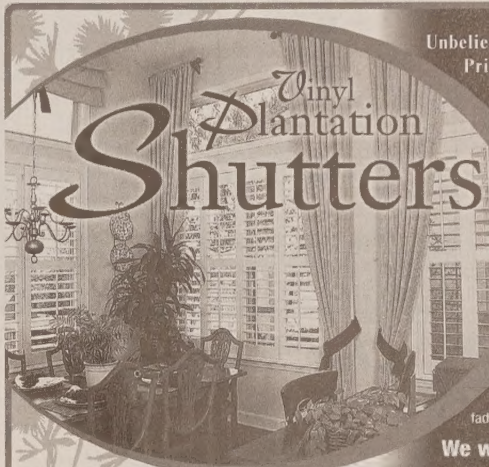
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